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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Badly Timed

IT is hard to imagine why the British Labour Party chose last week to make its announcement of the forthcoming visit by a number of senior Party officials to Communist China. It was made at a crucial stage in the Geneva talks, and, for propriety's sake if nothing else, Labour could have referred its reply to the Chinese invitation to the Foreign Office before making the announcement thus avoiding the surprise and bewilderment it caused to the British Government. It must be emphasised that the proposed visit itself is not the subject of dispute and coming on top of Mr Eden's welcome activity at Geneva and his earnest negotiations with Mr Chou En-lai and Mr Molotov, the Labour Party's visit may be regarded as another genuine British attempt to break down the barriers of hostility between the Communist world and the West. It is doubtful whether the Labour Party expects to achieve any direct results from the visit although the contact with the Chinese leaders will be useful—far more useful than the sterile hostility and the chronic diplomatic paralysis which has exacerbated tension between East and West in recent years. The visit is important to the Labour Party for as the Opposition Party it has few opportunities to gain first hand knowledge and understanding of current events, certainly far fewer than Government members. And, finally, it will be a positive step towards the improvement of Sino-British relations which at the moment stand in bad need of repair after the severe buffeting they have received in recent years.

THE Labour Party's announcement of the visit could well have been postponed until the conclusion of the Geneva talks for two reasons: there will be many in the West who will allow emotion to override common sense in this matter, who will believe that the announcement will give aid and comfort to the common enemy (as they see it); and secondly, it is bound to cause a new strain on Anglo-American relations at a time when world developments demand the utmost co-operation between the two nations. It is not that Britain is subservient to Washington opinion. Britain acts and thinks independently in every action and is in no way bound by the views of the American Government. Our alliance with America however owes its strength to the fact that in so many respects the views of the two countries are perfectly attuned. This is sometimes forgotten in the heat of disputes over petty differences which do arise from time to time and which are frequently distorted into fantastic shapes by commentators in both countries. It is possible that Mr Attlee realised that the American hostility to the Labour Party's plan was inevitable. It is possible, too, that Labour leaders considered it far preferable to make an announcement while there was still hope of a settlement of Far Eastern problems at Geneva than to wait until after the conference when the British Government might be discussing the formation of a Pacific defence alliance against Communism. Nevertheless, the Labour Party should have sought more expert opinion on this matter than could have been given either by Mr Attlee or Mr Morrison. As it is, the announcement suggests desperation and impulsiveness which does little to enhance confidence in Labour leaders. Common courtesy could have saved the Party the unnecessary criticism which has surrounded such a worthy proposal.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN INDO-CHINA

6,000 French Troops Launch Big Attack

Hanoi, May 30.

The French High Command announced today that 6,000 French troops supported by artillery and tanks have captured a Communist ammunition dump 40 miles south of Hanoi. The French counter-attack in the Phu Ly-Yen Phu area, 40 miles south of Hanoi and commanding the southern gateway to the delta, pushed forward against rebel troops holed up in limestone cliffs near the Day River.

Mobile French columns supported by artillery and tanks battled with Communist units in an operation called the biggest since Dien Bien Phu.

The aim of the French is to knock out Red concentrations threatening to slash into the heart of the delta by the southern route. The 6,000 French troops thrown into the operation were evidence that Gen. Henri Navarre, French Commander-in-Chief, had regrouped his forces to a certain extent already, according to military sources.

Control Of Armistice Is Main Subject At Today's Geneva Talks

Geneva, May 31.

The Indo-China peace conference meets in secret session again today to open negotiations on how an armistice should be controlled.

The nine-nation conference temporarily disposed of two of the major military problems—ceasefire arrangements and regrouping of forces—on Saturday when it summoned officers from the opposing commands to negotiate direct here later this week.

The question of armistice control is largely political. Among the subjects that have to be decided are:

1. How inspection of the opposing lines is to be carried out and by whom.
2. Which neutral nations should be asked to join a supervisory commission and what powers the commission should have.

27 More Terrorists Killed

Nairobi, May 30.

Security forces have killed 27 terrorists in Kenya during the past 24 hours, 21 of them in a battle in the Mount Kenya area north of Nairobi, East African Headquarters announced today. It is believed that the terrorists were killed in the battle which occurred when a patrol of troops and African home guards clashed with a large Mau Mau gang about 25 miles west of Meru.

Two of the gang were captured. Weapons recovered included three precision rifles and six home-made rifles. A patrol of the 5th King's African Rifles wiped out a small gang in the notorious Agathi location in south Nyeri, north of here.

Loyal Kikuyu guards ambushed a party of terrorists in another location in the same area, killing some of the party's food carriers.

Slight casualties were inflicted on a gang found in a hideout of bamboo huts in the Aberdare forest about 20 miles southwest of Nyeri.

Police found another hideout for about 150 terrorists in Mount Kenya forest ten miles east of Nyeri.—Reuters.

Man Slain After Snatching Policeman
Casablanca, May 30.
A Moroccan was shot dead by police today after snatching a policeman in the back of a taxi. The Moroccan was haranguing the market day crowd in the Oudja Square and urging Moroccans to rise against the French when the police intervened.

The stabbed policeman is in hospital but considered out of danger.—Reuters.

3. From whom the commission should receive its mandate. East and West have already agreed in principle that the inspection teams be made up of officers of the two sides working under international supervision. They now have to decide the levels at which the commission teams and the supervisory body will operate.

The West is determined to oppose any proposals for a supervisory commission on the lines of that in Korea. The two non-Communist members of this commission—Switzerland and Sweden—have been prevented from inspecting behind the Communist lines, the West says.

Many delegates say the obvious main choice as a neutral which would be respected by both sides is India, which has offered its services provided it approves the armistice agreement.

HAS REQUIRED TROOPS
India too could probably provide many of the troops needed for the supervisory body. Some delegates believe that as many as 30,000 men would be needed for this task. The commission would have to receive its authority to operate from some international body.

In the normal way this would probably be the United Nations. But the Communists here have refused to recognise the United Nations as it is now constituted as a truly impartial body because of its action in Korea. They would probably therefore reject any suggestion of United Nations authority so long as Communist China remains outside the organisation.

A possible alternative, it is felt, might be the Geneva conference nations themselves who would be involved in any international guarantees against armistice violations.

This question of guarantees is one of the next to be discussed by the conference here. If the nine nations themselves undertake the guarantees they would set up a permanent group to which probably the Supervisory Commission would be immediately responsible.

But delegates stressed today that the conclusion of agreements on armistice principles alone did not mean the conference would necessarily agree on a ceasefire in Indo-China. Many serious obstacles had still to be overcome before that stage was reached.—Reuters.

The number of French forces in the operation was originally given as 5,000 men, but a Command spokesman today used the higher figure of 6,000 men.

Some French units hurriedly sent to the Day River region have joined Franco-Vietnamese defenders at Phu Ly and are feverishly building up defences of the key fortress which has been under heavy fire from Communist mortars.

A military spokesman admitted that French bombers did some damage on Saturday to Phu Ly fortifications when they were attacking entrenched Communist positions surrounding the point.

French B-26 fighters also strafed large enemy concentrations elsewhere along the Day River, the High Command said.

The spokesman said that meanwhile, Gen. Navarre intended to defend the delta in its entirety and save on coming attacks at all points in the key area that is the richest prize in all Indo-China.

However, the spokesman added that "a reorganisation of bases might be effected in the near future," which suggested that some outlying French posts might be abandoned.

"If the Vietminh wishes to fight in the delta, they will have to launch an offensive within two weeks," he said.

"The battle would be of short duration—a month at the most—because the rains will inundate the rice paddies and generally hamper the Vietminh's movements since they must come down from the mountains, where their divisional bases are."—United Press.

Big Spy Trial Opens Today

Oslo, May 30.

A Norwegian who was arrested with notes on Norwegian atomic scientists in his pocket while he was on the way to meet a Russian diplomat goes on trial here tomorrow in Norway's first spy case since World War II.

Asbjørn Sundt, who has denied all spy charges, faces trial with Sergeant Erling Nordby, who has confessed to giving Sundt military secrets. The contact, in the government's case against the two Norwegians—B.S. Mesjevitinov, former Russian cultural attaché—left Norway shortly after Sundt was arrested in January. Sundt has admitted he knew and associated with Mesjevitinov, but insisted he did nothing illegal. However, Sundt's wife told the police her husband received money from the Russians. Several other persons arrested in the round-up of the Sundt spy ring have confessed to espionage. Their cases will be heard at a later date.—United Press.

RATION BOOKS BONFIRE

Heathfield, Sussex, May 30.
The end of rationing in Britain will be celebrated here by a bonfire of ration books on July 30—the first day of complete freedom from all rationing since the early days of the war.—China Mail Special.

SLOSS TRIAL OPENS

Woman Excused From Sitting On Jury ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE ARGUMENTS

The trial on a charge of manslaughter, of Geoffrey Duncan Sloss, 30, residing at 375-A The Peak opened before the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and an all-male jury in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Sloss who is alleged to have unlawfully killed Ng Chow, a rickshaw coolie on February 27, 1954, pleaded not guilty to the charge read to him by the Clerk of the Court.

BRITISH SOLDIER MURDERED

Cairo, May 30.

A British soldier was slain in the disputed Suez Canal Zone today in the second outbreak of disorder in two days.

A British military spokesman said the soldier was murdered by a mob of Egyptians in the Canal Zone port of Ismailia, one of the centres of British installations guarding the vital east-west waterway. The incident followed by a day the firing of a British supply installation at nearby Port Said. British authorities said a gang of 20 armed raiders destroyed more than a million dollars worth of supplies early yesterday.

It coincided with Egypt's announcement that Premier Galal Abdel Nasser had assumed one more of the jobs held by President Mohammed Naguib.—United Press.

Jacquet's Resignation May Lead To Govt Crisis

Paris, May 30.

M. Marc Jacquet, Minister for the Associated States of Indo-China, resigned tonight—two days before the French National Assembly was due to debate the situation in the French Far East.

M. Jacquet, a Gaullist, said his resignation was because of articles which had appeared in the French weekly political newspaper Express but observers believed it was due to disagreement with the policies of M. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister.

M. Jacquet denied that he was the source for an article published by Express on Thursday giving the exact terms of the report on Indo-China brought to Paris by General Paul Ely.

His resignation makes the coming debate even more critical from the point of view of M. Joseph Laniel's Government which has been trying to avoid it ever since the Far East conference started in Geneva. Pressure to call ministers to account for the unsatisfactory situation in Indo-China has grown to a point where a debate is no longer avoidable, but it seems unlikely that the Government's life will be seriously endangered before next week.

NOT CONSULTED
M. Jacquet is known to have disagreed on several occasions with Government policy in Indo-China itself and at Geneva where he is said to have consulted him.

More indirect criticism of M. Bidault's attitude at Geneva came today from the Socialist Party Congress, which unanimously approved a condemnation of any attempt to follow a policy leading to an extension of the war.

M. Bidault is assumed in Socialist circles to be trying to bring the United States into the war in some form or other and last week's Government decision to advance the call-up of young Frenchmen by three or four months has alarmed public opinion.

During Tuesday's debate the Government will certainly be asked what its future military policy in Indo-China is likely to be.

In this atmosphere despite M. Jacquet's explanation of the reason for his resignation the debate is likely to prove the beginning of the end for M. Laniel in the opinion of many observers. But normally this end should not come for at least another 10 days.

The French Parliamentary tradition calling for adjournment during the annual congresses of the chief parties means the debate will probably adjourn on Wednesday for a week because of the Communist Party's annual congress on Thursday and Friday.—Reuters.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr A. W. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel and Mr J. W. D. Hobbie, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Inspector W. Eggleston. Sloss is defended by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Patrick Yu, both on the instructions of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

A woman juror who was called to serve on the jury informed the Court that she knew the accused's wife. His Lordship said that there appeared to be no alternative but to excuse the juror.

Making a formal objection to the Court's decision, Mr d'Almada said that he could not see how the mere fact of a juror being acquainted either with accused or his wife, or for that matter any other relation of the accused, should render her excusable from jury service.

Mr Blair-Kerr said he supported strongly the decision of the Court; there was no alternative but to excuse her from service. He added that there might be prejudice one way or the other if she served on the jury.

His Lordship said that the juror herself had brought this fact to the attention of the Court and he thought that she might properly be excused. Mr d'Almada informed the Court that before the Crown opened its case against the accused, he would take objection to the admissibility of certain evidence, and if he was successful in his objection it might be necessary for the Crown to rearrange its opening.

Mr Blair-Kerr said it was his submission that there could be no objection to the evidence in the deposition. He submitted that the evidence was relevant and admissible.

The Senior Crown Counsel said that he thought it proper time for Mr d'Almada to object to any evidence was at the time when such evidence was tendered.

His Lordship said that if there was any objection to be taken on the evidence, the Court might as well have it now.

JURY RETIRES
After the jury had retired at the direction of his Lordship, Mr d'Almada said that the charge with which accused was faced was manslaughter, and the question for the jury in a charge of this nature was whether or not accused was recklessly criminally negligent in causing the death of this unfortunate rickshaw coolie, and the question therefore immediately arose: What kind of evidence, if any, of previous driving was admissible in order to support the charge?

The first piece of evidence to which he objected was that of Leung Ping-kwong, the public vehicle driver whose evidence, Counsel said was found on pages 23-24 of the depositions. After reading an extract of Leung's evidence Mr d'Almada said that it was quite clear from the evidence that Leung's taxi was only struck a glancing blow, because he told the learned Magistrate that the other car did not stop.

Counsel said that having regard to what he had just said with regard to the nature of the accident, the word "crash" as appearing in the evidence was an overstatement of what happened. It might have been a false translation but he would have thought "bump" was the better word and very accurately descriptive of what happened. Instead of the word "crash," which suggested something very much more grave in the way of impact.

After further reading from Leung's evidence, Mr d'Almada submitted that it was not admissible in evidence because there could be no suggestion

from the nature of that evidence that it showed any recklessness on the part of the accused. He stressed the term "reckless" because as the Court knew, and as he would show from two authorities, that was the word which the House of Lords had said was best descriptive of a very high degree of negligence which was necessary before a charge of manslaughter could be brought home against an accused, i.e. before he could be found guilty of what was a felony.

That then was the substantial evidence to which he objected, Counsel said. There would of course be an exclusion of other small pieces of evidence, one of which was that of Inspector Moor who testified regarding the presence of certain traffic signs on the road, which would have no bearing upon the point, as well as a number of photographs which again had no bearing upon the charge of criminal negligence.

NOT ADMISSIBLE
All this evidence which he had quoted, Counsel submitted, was not admissible, because it did not directly tend to the proof of the matter in issue, and that being so it was important to bear in mind, he said, a passage from the judgment of Justice Bray in the case the King against Bond, reported in 1900 King's Bench.

Counsel said he invoked that passage to support his contention. If evidence which was proposed to lead could not plainly prove the matter in issue, that evidence must be held inadmissible because otherwise it would tend to create in the minds of the jury a strong prejudice, which prejudice the jury, being untrained in the law, might well outweigh their better judgment of the case.

That was the basis upon which his objections were based, and as to the principles applicable with regard to evidence of this kind, Counsel said he would

refer the Court to a passage from 31 Halsbury, which at first glance would seem to be dead against the submission he was making, but which from an examination of the cases and a careful study of the passage itself, clearly limited what might or might not be given in evidence, and in his submission (Contd. on back page, Col 6)

OFF TO SEEK HILLARY

Calcutta, May 30.

A sturdy Gurkha today set off on foot from the mountain kingdom of Nepal to make contact with Sir Edmund Hillary, who is on a mission to find a route to the ice-encrusted Barun valley, a reliable report said here today. He will return with the fullest information of Sir Edmund Hillary's condition to the nearest large Nepalese town, Biratnagar, 12 days' march from the New Zealand mountaineering expedition's base camp.

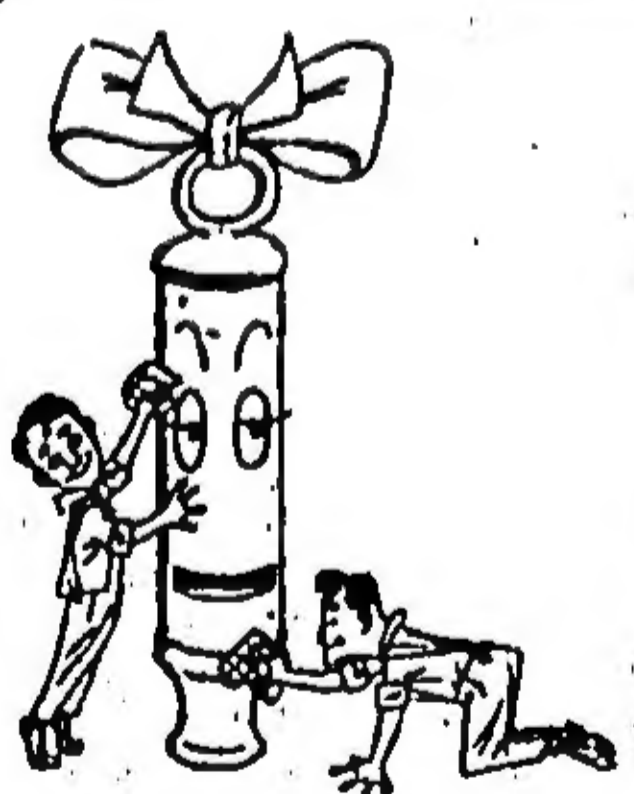
The report added that the Nepal Government wants the information to send medical aid to Sir Edmund Hillary.—Reuters.

Evacuation Of Doctors

Paris, May 30.

The Vietnam High Command has invited the French High Command to send a helicopter to Dien Bien Phu to evacuate doctors and other medical personnel captured when the fortress fell on May 7, the French news agency reported from Hanoi today.

The High Command replied by radio that its helicopters would be at Dien Bien Phu tomorrow to pick the men up. The number to be evacuated was not specified.—Reuters.

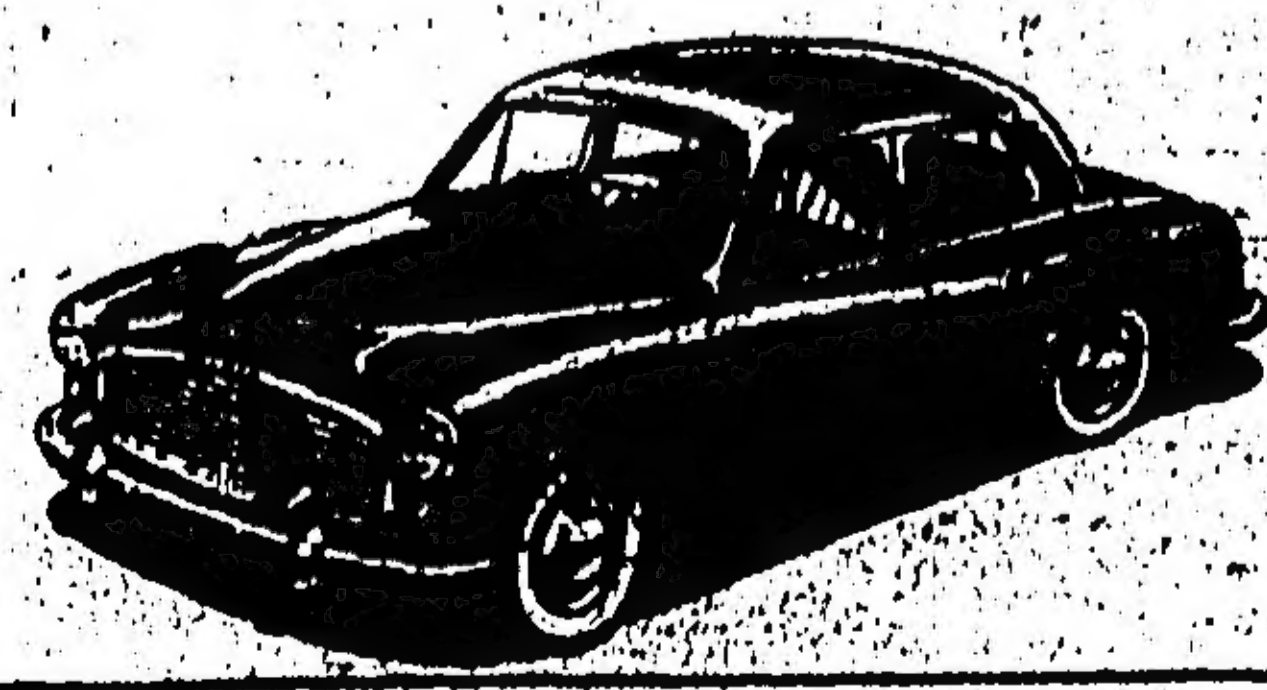


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Taken in London last week, this picture shows Vice-Admiral Sir E. M. C. Abel-Smith, newly knighted Flag Officer, Royal Yacht, It was he who was in charge of the Britannia in which the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh completed the last stages of the Commonwealth tour.—Central Press Photo.

Belgrade, May 30. President Tito, now sailing to Greece, is expected to discuss next steps in forming the projected Balkan military alliance when he arrives in Athens, Western observers said today.

Marshal Tito, arrives in Athens on Wednesday for a four-day visit.

His visit, at the invitation of the Greek Premier, Marshal Alexander Papagos, is a sign of fast growing friendship between the countries since normal diplomatic relations were re-established four years ago.

Military, economic, political and cultural relations have matured quickly since Yugoslavia broke with the Cominform in June 1948.

President Tito will be received with full pomp at the Greek court. He will also attend a naval review at Elefsis, base of the Greek fleet, and travel to Salonika in a Greek cruiser accompanied by King Paul and Marshal Papagos to view a large-scale military parade in his honour.

The main question dominating the military talks will be how quickly the alliance should be completed in view of what is regarded here as Anglo-American pressure to go slow.

RESENTMENT FELT During the visit, Greece is expected to announce her decision to join the declaration by Yugoslavia and Turkey—made during President Tito's visit to Turkey in April—that the Balkan pact should be converted into an alliance.

Resentment is felt in official quarters against America and Britain for allegedly supporting Italy's view that the alliance should not be formed until the Trieste dispute is solved.

The Yugoslavs believe the Trieste dispute has nothing to do with the proposed alliance. They say Italy's opposition to it continued permission to dance in the stage of the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall because "she might damage the delicate machinery under the stage."

So tonight she dances with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra at the boxing stadium here.

"NOT FIRST TIME" "But I will not be dancing in the ring then," she said, "but on a specially constructed wooden stage in the centre of the hall."

"Anyway, it is not the first time I have danced in a boxing hall. I did so in Manila, in 1948."—China Mail Special.

Ballerina Had
To Dance
In Boxing Ring

Liverpool, England,

May 31.

Alicia Markova, the "elfin like" British ballerina who weighs 98 lbs., rehearsed last night—in a boxing ring. Miss Markova was earlier refused permission to dance in the stage of the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall because "she might damage the delicate machinery under the stage."

So tonight she dances with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra at the boxing stadium here.

Nine Arrested
After Paris
Street Fights

Paris, May 30.

The Paris police today arrested nine persons following clashes at three different points in the city between sellers of the Communist Sunday newspaper Humanité Dimanche and groups of veterans from the Indo-Chinese war.

The clashes occurred at the Porte de Cligny (North Paris), Boulevard Pasteur (south), and in the western residential district of Passy.

The nine persons arrested were later released pending further investigations.

Two other minor incidents occurred today in the centre of Paris.—France-Press.

Flying Saucer Seen
Over Melbourne

Melbourne, May 30.

Fourteen people have reported seeing a "flying saucer" over the rooftops of Melbourne suburb in the past 24 hours.

Harold Lucas of suburb reported that he and six friends had seen an object moving for 25 minutes which was definitely not an aircraft.—China Mail Special.

Decorations For
Brave
French Nurse

Saigon, May 30.

Mlle Genevieve de la Tour, the heroine of Dien Bien Phu, was decorated tonight by Vietnamese General Nguyen Van Hinh, who invested her with the Cross of Chevalier in the Vietnamese National Order, and the Cross of Valour with Palm (equivalent to the French Croix de Guerre in Vietnam) for exceptional service to that country.

Vietnamese "Afrats" (Women's Army Auxiliaries) also presented honours to Mlle de Galard at the ceremony, which took place at General Van Hinh's home.

Also present was General Lauzin, the French air force commander in the Far East.

Earlier, Mlle de Galard had visited the delta by plane to see the Dien Bien Phu wounded.—France-Press.

Hungarian Central
Committeemen
All Re-elected

Vienna, May 30.

The Hungarian Workers Party today re-elected all 71 members of its Central Committee with Matyas Rakosi as First Secretary at the closing session of its seven-day Congress at Budapest, Radio Budapest reported.

The radio said that the delegates reached unanimous agreement on all subjects in the four main speeches which concerned future tasks in the party.

In his speech Rakosi said the improvement of agricultural production and operation and the intensification of party work in rural areas would be considered the main tasks.—Reuter.

M. Jacquet's
Resignation
"No Surprise"New Memorial
For
1914 Veterans

London, May 30. Nearly 1,000 men of the British expeditionary force sent to France in 1914—"the old contemptibles"—attended the unveiling of a memorial to their fallen comrades here today. They received their nickname from a remark said to have been made by the Kaiser when he referred to them as General Sir John French's "contemptible little army."

After the ceremony, the veterans, heads proudly erect but slower of step marched past. The salute was taken by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowmer, and the French and Belgian Ambassadors.—China Mail Special.

Luxembourg
Premier
Wins Election

Luxembourg, May 31. M. Joseph Bech, Luxembourg Prime Minister, has emerged the main victor in yesterday's general elections for the country's new single chamber Parliament, a Government spokesman said here last night.

Early unofficial returns showed a clear cut win for M. Bech's party—the Catholics (Social Christians), who held 21 of the 52 seats in the old house.

The Socialists, partners in the last Government coalition with the Catholics and who held 19 seats, have suffered a slight overall setback which may have lost them a seat to the Catholics.

A Government spokesman said according to the unofficial returns the Catholics had gained three to four seats. The Socialists had "probably lost" up to two seats and the Liberals dropped either one or two seats.—Reuter.

Tourists Flock
To Heligoland

Heligoland, May 30.

Heligoland, bomb-shattered North Sea island used as a practice target by the British Royal Air Force until two years ago, is becoming a tourist resort.

Herr Hans Holske, President of the Heligoland Committee, said yesterday the island was making more from tourists than fishing and lobster catching. It had 53,000 holiday-makers last year.

Herr Holske was addressing 500 Heligolandians still "caddled" by a housing shortage from the island who attended the first religious service held there for many years.

The service was held in the open air on the site of a ruined church.

Since the island was handed back to the Germans two years ago 21 families have been resettled in new houses. Homes for 20 more are being built.—China Mail Special.

Nasser Going
To Indonesia

Cairo, May 31.

Lieutenant Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, has accepted an invitation conveyed by General Abdul Kader, Indonesian Ambassador in Cairo, to attend the proposed African-Asian conference in Indonesia, the date of which will be fixed later.

The conference, to which all Arab countries are invited, will discuss Arab, Asian and African questions, as well as the present international situation, General Abdul Kader said.

The Indonesian Ambassador added that he was against the formation of any Islamic pact unless the Arab countries had obtained their independence.—Reuter.

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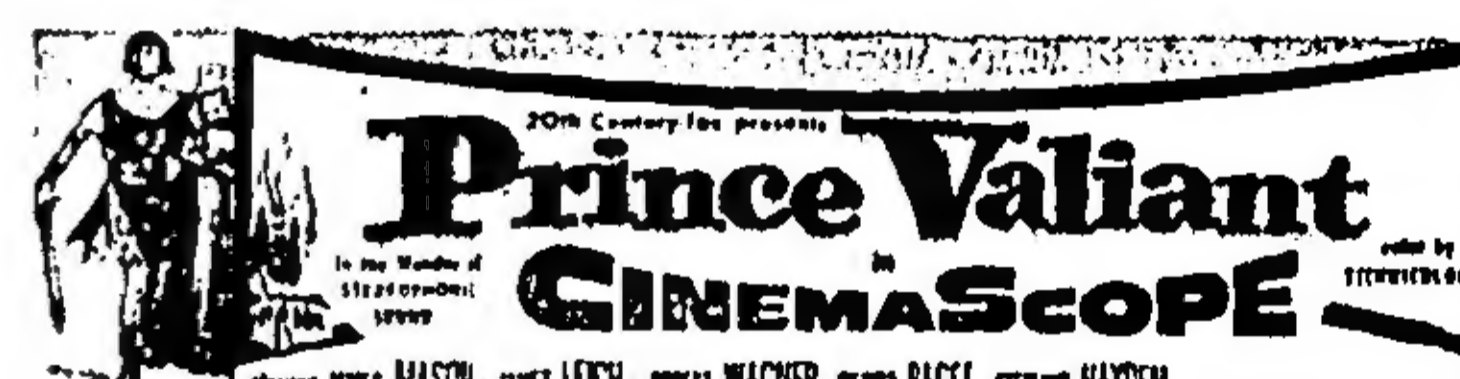
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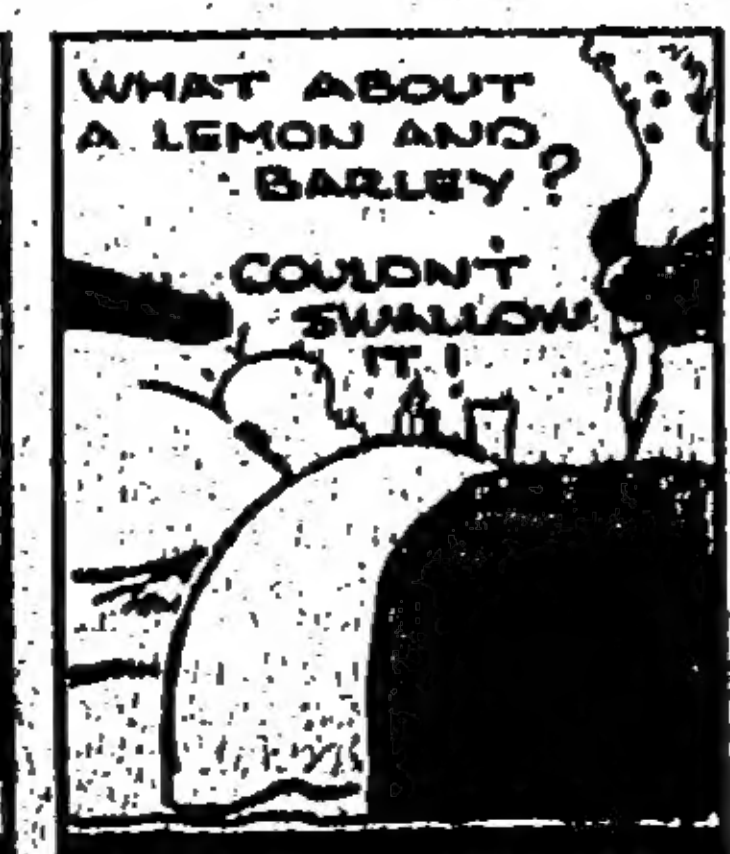
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The Duke of Windsor seen on arrival at Victoria Station from Paris last week. He went to England to attend to business matters, and was not accompanied by the Duchess. — Central Press Photo.

No Sign Of World War Says Adlai Stevenson

New York, May 30.

Mr Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic Party leader, said today that he saw no early prospect of another world war but neither did he see any end to Soviet pressure.

Mr Stevenson, who was Democratic candidate for President in 1952, made a recorded address on a radio programme. He said the pattern of Communist aggression since the

second world war had been a pattern of "pressing here and there in every vacuum and every soft spot in the free world."

"It will be these peripheral kinds of pressures against us that will be most serious and may be the most as long as we live," he added.

Mr Stevenson called for a proper balance between the threat of aggression from outside the country and the danger of subversion from within.

"One can't minimise or discount or underestimate in any way the danger of subversion from within but I think that when it serves to preoccupy our attention to the extent that it has, then it creates an unreasoning fear, hysteria."

"Any diversion from the major problems of our times defeats its own end and serves the enemy's purpose. I think of course the major problems of our time are external, not internal." — Reuter.

Princess Margaret At Abbey Service

Princess Margaret attended the annual Empire Youth Service in Westminster Abbey today.

The congregation of nearly 1,000 consisted of representatives from many youth organisations.

The lesson was read by Lord Elton, Chairman of the Empire Youth Service Committee.

A tribute by Eusebius from the Royal Military School of Music heralded the reading of the Queen's message for Empire Youth Sunday by the Dean of Westminster, Dr Alan C. Don. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1. Exiled (6).
 2. Bird (5).
 3. Longed for (5).
 4. Bunches of flowers (6).
 5. Fashion (5).
 6. Guide (5).
 7. Cheerful refrain (4).
 8. Reposes (5).
 9. Taken into custody (6).
 10. Savoured (6).
 11. Lock of hair (5).
 12. Saucy (4).
 13. Short coat (5).
 14. Sent (5).
 15. Shellfish (5).
 16. Doctrine (5).
 17. Avarice (5).
 18. Necessary (6).
- DOWN
1. Take the place of (3).
 2. Determined (5).
 3. Initiates (4).
 4. Twist out of shape (7).
 5. Generated (7).
 6. Worships (6).
 7. Triumph (5).
 8. Accented (5).
 9. Sent ships to the bottom (8).
 10. Gave confidence to (7).
 11. Diet (7).
 12. Shroud (6).
 13. Horseman (5).
 14. Clever (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Spar, 7 Tramp, 8 Orgy, 9 Till, 10 Banners, 12 Eggs, 15 Exams, 18 Snip, 19 Orate, 21 Roots, 22 Slew, 23 Topic, 26 Wren, 29 Redress, 30 Arid, 31 Doon, 32 Mince, 33 Edna, Down: 1 Cream, 2 Enigma, 4 Pique, 6 Role, 8 Agor, 9 Trap, 11 Exile, 13 Gnu, 14 Shed, 16 Solid, 17 Draw, 18 Sole, 20 Recruit, 22 Spod, 24 Orion, 25 Astir, 27 Root, 28 Name.

MORE INTERVENTION TALK IN AMERICA

Two Senators Urge Allies To Make Up Their Minds

DANGERS OF COMMUNISM SPREADING IN S.E. ASIA

Washington, May 30.

The Senate Republican leader, Mr William Knowland, said today Southeast Asia would be lost to the Communists if "some of our allies" waited much longer in joining a United front against Communist expansion in the Far East.

Simultaneously, Senator Mike Mansfield said that Admiral Robert Carney, Chief of Naval Operations, last week opened an administration campaign to "educate the American people" for U.S. intervention in Indo-China.

Admiral Carney told a New York audience last Thursday that the time had come when the United States and its allies must decide whether to intervene in Indo-China or surrender all of Southeast Asia to the Communists.

The statements by Senator Knowland and Admiral Carney, as well as the reaction by Senator Mansfield, were considered especially significant in view of the fact that five-power military talks are scheduled to open here on Thursday on the Southeast Asian crisis.

Admiral Carney, who described the Indo-China situation as "grave," has been speaking for the Korean war, will represent America at talks with Australia, New Zealand, France and Britain. The talks are aimed at reviewing the military situation in Southeast Asia.

The big question after Admiral Carney's speech was to what extent he was speaking for the Eisenhower administration. It appeared to line him up with those who feel that intervention in Indo-China is inevitable and must be taken soon.

Senator Knowland, while emphasizing the need for prompt action, insisted that Admiral Carney was "speaking for himself," even though the Admiral may have had his remarks "cleared" by the State and Defence Departments.

Senator Knowland said President Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, were the official

Dulles Not "Defeated"

Senator Knowland agreed with Senator Mansfield that it would be impossible to win the support of the Indo-Chinese against the Communists until France granted "complete independence" to the Indo-Chinese states. But Senator Knowland added that that was not "the entire answer."

"I also believe it is important that we find out which, among the free nations of the world in Asia and in Europe, are prepared to resist further Communist aggression."

Senator Knowland denied Senator Mansfield's assertion that the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, had been "defeated" at the Berlin and Geneva conferences because the Communists won "a certain degree of recognition" for Red China.

He said Mr Dulles went to Berlin and Geneva for the purpose of determining "just what the nations who had given lip service, at least to the system of collective security were prepared to do" in the event of further Communist aggression in Southeast Asia.

While the results were negative, Senator Knowland said this was "valuable" information because the United States could "proceed and see

administration spokesmen on such matters.

President Eisenhower is scheduled to deliver a major foreign policy address in New York tomorrow night. It was billed in advance by the White House as a speech that would "discuss steps our Government and the free world have taken and will take in an attempt to win peace and freedom."

Senator Mansfield, who appeared with Senator Knowland on the NEC "American Forum of the Air" TV programme, said that he thought the Carney speech "had clearance from the Republican Congressional leadership and from the White House as well."

"What is happening is the gradual preparation of the people of this country for intervention in Indo-China," he said.

Senator Knowland's warning to "our allies" appeared to be aimed at Britain, which wants to wait until after the Big Four Geneva conference before deciding what action to take in Indo-China.

Senator Knowland said, however, he feared "they will wait so long that the opportunity to save Southeast Asia will be lost, and that is not in our national interest or in theirs."

He said the strategic area "go down the drain."

What other alternatives there are open to help maintain a free world of free men."

SPAIN IN NATO

Senator Knowland also said: 1. The United States did not get involved in World War I simply because there were Democratic Presidents in the White House. "We got into three wars because there was aggression loose in the world."

2. "A bipartisan foreign policy is essential because we cannot make a long-term arrangement with allies if they don't know from year to year whether the programmes are going to be reversed."

3. There should not be any "unilateral action" by the United States to deal with the Communist problem in Guatemala.

4. If the European Defence Community is not formed Western Germany should be rearm. So it can participate in Western European defence. Spain eventually also may come into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. — United Press.

Man Beats Machine In Four-Round Multiplication Bout



Princess Margaret arrives with Mr Billy Wallace, one of the organisers of the production (on left in rear) and members of the cast, at the Scala Theatre, London, for a rehearsal of 'The Frog', the Edgar Wallace thriller in which she is taking a keen personal interest. Social personalities are producing the play. — Reuterphoto.

Nasser Takes Another Political Post From General Naguib

Cairo, Egypt, May 30.

Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser took over another of the jobs of President Mohammed Naguib today in a quiet reshuffle of Egypt's only active political party.

The Government announcement coincided with Britain's disclosure that 20 armed raiders fired a British warehouse at Port Said in the Suez Canal early yesterday. A military spokesman said that damage was estimated at \$1,148,000.

This was the latest—and in military forces from the Canal Zone.

The newest political shift in the Cairo Government gave Lt-Colonel Nasser the presidency of the Liberation Rally's new High Council.

The Rally is a quasi-political party established by the Army officers who ousted King Farouk. It is the only party actively operating in Egypt today and includes both members of the Military Junta and civilian Cabinet Ministers.

President Naguib had been head of the Rally as well as President and Premier up until this year. At one point he lost all three posts, but was restored. After a later crisis, Colonel Nasser, reputed "strong man" of the revolution and vice-Premier under Naguib, assumed the Premiership.

Upwards of 30,000 men from London to Aberdeen, 550 miles to the north, were due to stop work at midnight in protest against lodging turns—a new system devised by British railway authorities which would result in men sleeping more nights away from home.

A fortnight ago men in the western region struck against the lodging turns—they went back last night—and the eastern region men were coming out in sympathy.

The western region men ended their strike on the understanding that their unions would arrange immediate talks with the British Transport Commission, who run the railways for the state, to discuss the lodging turn issue. — Reuter.

Negotiations over the future of the Suez Canal have been broken off since last year. Egypt wants all British military forces evacuated from the vital waterway linking the Indian Ocean with the Mediterranean. The talks became deadlocked over the terms for reoccupying the zone in case of crisis and the uniforms to be worn by British technicians who would remain to maintain the Canal.

In the new year, incidents involving British soldiers have been increasing—gunfire on military positions inside the fortified Canal Zone, attacks on personnel and kidnappings.

[The British Foreign Secretary Mr Anthony Eden told the House of Commons in London that negotiations could not be resumed "in these circumstances" of violence. He said it was Egypt's responsibility to maintain order in the zone.]

It was believed that the British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Ralph Stevenson, would protest against the warehouse attack. British authorities took the case up immediately with Port Said Governor Mohammed Riad, and British and Egyptian police were collaborating in the investigation. — United Press.

Send Peace Observers To Indo-China

Thai Envoy To Lodge Appeal With United Nations

Geneva, May 30.

The Thailand Ambassador to Washington, Mr Pote Sarasin, left here for New York today to present to the United Nations his country's appeal for the despatch of peace observers to her borders with Indo-China.

Before leaving for New York he had a private meeting with Mr Walter Bedell Smith, leader of the United States delegation to the Far East conference.

Mr Sarasin flew here from Bangkok last week to discuss Thailand's appeal to the Security Council with Prince Wan Waithayakon, Thai Foreign Minister, who is a co-chairman of the 19-nation Korea peace talks.

Mr Thanat Khoman, Thailand's permanent representative at the United Nations, who lodged the appeal yesterday, will be the alternate delegate to the Security Council hearing.

Thailand will suggest that India, Pakistan, Sweden, New Zealand and Uruguay be represented on the peace observation committee, which it feels should study the border situation.

Prince Wan has said that tension exists on Thailand's borders with Cambodia and Laos and "we think it is appropriate that we should call the attention of the Security Council" to this situation. — Reuter.

NO HURRY

New York, May 30.

There is unlikely to be any hurry about calling a meeting of the United Nations Security Council to consider Thailand's appeal for observers to be sent to watch the threat to her borders from Indo-China, Western delegates predicted today.

Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, United States delegate, is due to take over the Presidency of the Council from Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain on Tuesday.

Nothing is expected to be done before then about arranging a meeting of the Council. The United States will canvass the views of other members on a date before finally announcing it.

NOT URGENT MATTER

Mr Lodge is due to leave for France to attend D-Day celebration services on the Normandy beaches next Sunday and he may prefer to set a date in the week beginning June 7 when he will have returned to New York.

The Thai delegate, Mr Thanat Khoman, in his letter to the Council asking it to consider sending the observers, did not make it a matter of urgency.

The French delegation in particular had expressed concern about the possible effects of an immediate Council debate on the prospects of the Geneva negotiations for a ceasefire in Indo-China.

Should the opening of the Security Council debate on Thailand's appeal be delayed until next week this would fit

Confusion In Coventry

When The "H-Bomb" Went Off

Coventry May 30.

A mock hydrogen bomb attack on this midland industrial city, where the Labour-controlled City Council have voted for the abolition of the Civil Defence Committee, today developed into a "battle of the amplifiers."

Today's demonstration was planned by the Home Office, who are responsible for civil defence, at the request of the City Civil Defence Committee.

But since then the Council passed a resolution saying that in view of the devastating power of the H-bomb the continuation of civil defence was a waste of time and public money.

They banned members of their Civil Defence Corps from taking part in today's test.

Labour Councillors took up positions across the street and there was near chaos when their amplifiers mingled with the cries of "victims" and the noise of the Home Office mobile squad as they raced to the scene where the bomb is supposed to have been dropped. — China Mail Special.

"Thank-You" Balloons From Westminster Abbey



The scene in Dean's yard at Westminster Abbey as a thousand multi-colored balloons were released to carry the news that the Abbey Restoration Fund had reached its target of £1,000,000 required for urgent building repairs. Each balloon carried a message of "thanks." — Central Press Photo.

AROUND THE PARIS BOULEVARDS WITH STEPHEN COULTER

GAMBLING IS ON THE UP AND UP—IT'S A BOOM!

THE click of the roulette board, the cries of croupiers, echo louder in France. The rustle of lottery tickets is like a high wind through poplars. Oh, to win a million is the dream of more and more French people. Here we are in the midst of an 18-carat gambling boom!

Latest returns show that gamblers are losing the equivalent of nearly £500,000 a month all the year round on the green baize tables of the casinos of France. Counting winners and money-back punters, total of stakes thrown down is much more.

In one casino outside Paris, gamblers emptied their pockets of £855,000 in 12 months. In Cannes they parted with £962,000; in Nice £884,000.

The State National Lottery is paying out £21,500,000 every week in winnings, which means that the French spend the colossal sum of £35,800,000 a week buying lottery tickets. Who said "Chance" hasn't a solid gold lining?

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The French Ministry of War's current official list of military equipment contains one page headed "obsolete items." It is divided into two neat columns. On the left, "in stock." On the right, "being manufactured!" Obsolete?

ANIMAL WORLD

Talking to Firmin Bouglione on the subject of animals the other day, I learned that tigers for circuses and zoos are becoming increasingly rare. "Anybody can get hold of a lion or a zebra—Africa is full of them," he said. "But tigers take catching. Besides, they are fragile."

Bouglione, one of the biggest wild animal importers in Europe, is now training 20 Indo-Chinese tigers and 20 panthers at his camp at Pavillons Sous Bois, Paris.

"A tiger is worth between £500 and £1,000 untamed. A lion fetches only £300."

Douglione has trappers working for him in three continents. They send most of their captures home by air—including elephants—because fewer die this way and food costs less.

Bouglione says prices are running high this year. To help one importer, M. Robert Henri has started a wild beast hire-purchase scheme. If you get tired of laying a crocodile or culture about the house, you can jack it up and return it. But in the meantime you would probably have got rid of your mother-in-law.

A nice piece of detective thinking comes from Mme Else

Schlaparelli, celebrated Paris dress designer.

"A mannequin," said she, "must have the sort of figure that every customer dreams is her own. Her finest attribute must be her bust. Shoulders don't count—they can be shaped at will. But a good bust is irreplaceable. The whole dress depends on it."

PRIESTS V. VATICAN

The French Catholic Church is in its greatest ferment for years. Already there has been an outcry at the way the Vatican has ordered French

clergy to drop their experiment of sending priests out as workers in factories and as slum dwellers with the poorest.

Seventy odd priests have refused to give up this new crusade. The Vatican is adamant, and has turned down appeals by French cardinals. A time limit set by the Vatican is shortly to expire.

Will the worker priests obey or defy the Holy See? They are holding secret meetings almost daily. The whole painful dispute could produce the worst Catholic schism of modern times.

Beverley Baxter tells the remarkable story of Douglas Bader

LEGLESS, HE STILL TRIED TO ESCAPE

THE machine was a dud AVRO and a pilot friend of his named Ross was in the other cockpit. "Shall I start her up, Douglas?" asked Ross. Bader shook his head. "No," he answered. "Just turn on your switches and leave everything to me. I'll do it."

The machine was in the air. Bader looked down at the familiar scene and felt a happiness greater than he had ever known before. He could fly! He could fly! Despite the fact he was not to be earthbound.

"I must have a medical board," he said to his host that night. "I was hoping that you might send word to them that I actually have flown again. It's simple. It's nothing."

The next day he left Sassoon's house to visit his former school where a cricket match was to be played between the school and the old boys. Bader hated to go to the school but felt awkward and ill at ease. Yet he saw 118 friends and was loudly cheered. But the game had lost its flavour because he had to have someone run for him and he could not field. It was in the air that he would make his new life. These words pounded incessantly against his temples.

The medical examination was surprisingly favourable and he was posted to the Central Fly-

ing School at Wittering. He flew every day and was full of confidence. In fact he was so pleased with his progress in everything that he invited a volunteer R.A.F. waitress (named Thelma) who had been at his old headquarters to come to London for dinner and a dance. She came and they did dance even if they must have looked odd. He was in love with life again and now he was in love with a girl. As soon as he was an R.A.F. pilot again he would propose.

The C.O. cleared his throat awkwardly. "The instructors at the Central Flying School all say that you fly pretty well," he said, "but unfortunately we can't pass you fit for flying because there's nothing in King's Regulations which covers your case."

Bader's blood turned cold. This was a death sentence! Having discipline aside he shouted: "Then why the hell did you send me there to be tested?"

"I'm sorry," said the older man. "You were so keen to have a shot at it. I'm terribly sorry."

Bader understood. They had been certain that he would fail the test. That is why they sent him. They never intended him to fly again.

Civvy Street! What price a legless airman in peace time? A newspaper offered him £200 a year for any paragraphs about famous people he had met. Unilevers offered him £200 a year while he trained in Lon-

don for a job in the tropics—but he explained that his legs would bar him from that. An aviation company selling spirit to airlines and government offered to teach him the job and pay him £200 a year while he learned.

There was one thing beyond doubt. His market value was £200. He took Thelma out to dinner, proposed to her and was accepted. At that moment he owned a second-hand car and had £2 in the bank.

It was the most fortunate decision of his life. Gentle, wise, selfless and understanding, this girl was to bring peace to his turbulent soul. She was to be his twilight, dusk and moonlight in the life of a man who loved fierce gales and the glare of the noonday sun. And to come down to the pros and cons of earthly things she contrived in some mysterious way to save some money out of their meagre earnings.

Hitler marches into Poland! The British Parliament is summoned! War is a matter only of hours! "We are putting you on our indispensable list," said Bader's employers, "so you won't be drunk. At any rate you couldn't do it. They'll never let you fly."

"Take my name off the list," said Bader. "I'm going to have a try."

He sent letters and messages to everyone he knew in the Royal Air Force. Some of the messages were ingratulating, some downright rude. At last he got a telegram ordering him to report.

At the other side of the table sat his old Commandant of the Cadet School at Cranwell. "What do you want, Douglas?" Bader smiled and then his jaw stiffened. Passionately he pleaded for the chance to fly.

"If you're best," said the older man. A few weeks later he had passed all his tests and became a Spitfire pilot. But the phoney war was on and there was peace on earth even if peace slept with a sword beneath its pillow.

A new Hurricane Squadron was formed and Bader was given the command. "They are a strange lot of chaps," he was told. "Most of the ground crew are English, so are three or four of the pilots, but the rest are wild Canadians. And if there's one thing that Canadians are allergic to, it's commanding officers."

That night one of his pilots said to his pal: "Have you seen our new C.O.? He hasn't any legs. We won't see much of him."

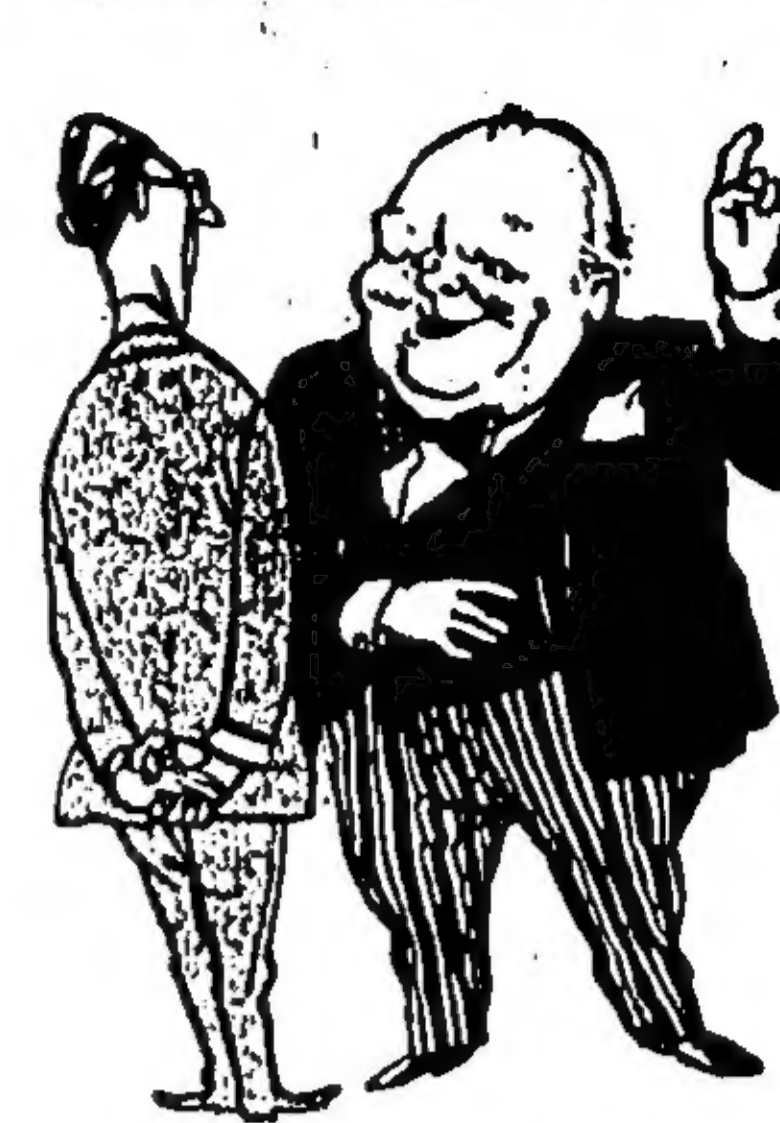
There was a lot wrong with the squadron, including too much individualism. Nor were the pilots particularly pleased at having a C.O. whose only claim to fame was that he had broken his legs in an accident.

Bader barked at them and said that they were a scatter-brained lot. That was a mistake. They had lost nearly all their kit in the Dunkirk battle

—HOW'S WINSTON WEATHERING THE CARES OF STATE?



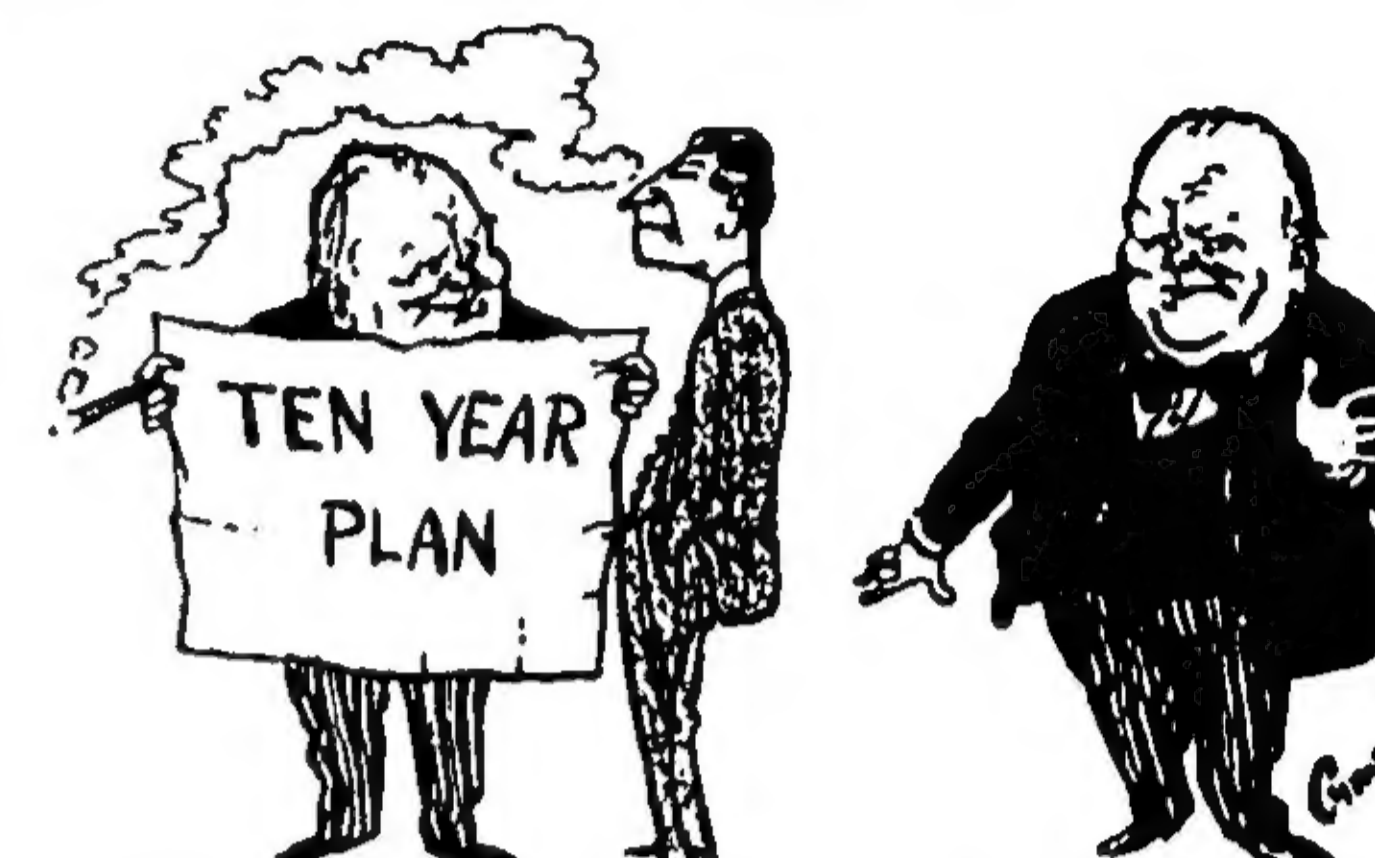
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"Perhaps I'll retire when I've completed this plan—and then to write some really big memoirs."

"What really worries me is if the Deputy Prime Minister retires before I do."

East Berlin's 'Miracle Mile'

By Norman Lindhurst

Bonn. EAST Berlin looks drab, dingy and miserable until you hit Stalin Allee.

This broad avenue used to be Frankfurter Allee. But the East German Communist regime, unable to cope with the misery and backwardness in their sector of Berlin, needed a propaganda gimmick. So they bought made-in-Moscow Stalin Allee.

For a stretch of about a mile on old Frankfurter Allee, the German Reds have put together a glittering oasis in the midst of the rubble pile that is East Berlin.

Stalin Allee is a show street, something to hearten and spur on the wavering party rank and file. It is meant to impress outsiders as an astonishing feat of "Socialist reconstruction."

The Red "miracle mile" is lined with almost solid blocks of eight-story apartment buildings. On the street level are smart shops, selling everything from television sets to fish.

Stalin Allee is a boulevard of weird contrasts. Driving there, you pass through streets lined with rubble piles and shells of bomb-blasted buildings. Suddenly you round a bend in the street.

STARTLING

Up ahead, like an apparition, looms a massive skyscraper pile of stone and concrete. The effect is startling and, of course, it was meant to be.

Then you drive down a broad boulevard. The lanes are separated by a wide grass-planted traffic island. On either side loom the great blocks of buildings. They have fancy facades, with wide terraces and balconies.

In reality the structures are simply brick. But they look like stone because the brick is entirely hidden by the impressive facades of a tile-like stone.

In the second block is a small park. Close to the sidewalk is a statue of the dead dictator. In real life, Joseph Stalin stood something like five feet, six inches. But he does much better in stone, towering in heroic proportions over the avenue.

The Reds thoughtfully have provided a wreath of artificial flowers for the base of Stalin's statue. You can pass on a freezing day, but Stalin's flowers look as fresh and cheerful as the benign figure in stone.

Just so no one will get funny ideas, Stalin's statue is guarded day and night by two police men.

I tried to photograph Stalin from behind, wishing to catch the huge sports centre across the street in the background. But the police stopped me.

"Make all the pictures you wish from the front or side," they said. "But none from the rear, please. That is prohibited."

Red and white propaganda banners festoon the solidly capitalist facades of Stalin Allee.

PROPAGANDA

The boulevard resounds to the blare of music and propaganda pep talks from loud-speakers hooked to every lamp-post.

"Boost work norms... Defeat the European Army... Fight for German unification..."

There are some 7,000 persons living in Stalin Allee's 2,800 flats of two to four rooms. This elite population consists of faithful party hacks and "activists."

Consumer goods are scarce in East Berlin. But most of the dumpy, supply of luxury goods goes to Stalin Allee. If you can't get it on Stalin Allee, East Berlin stores don't have it.

Close observers will notice cracks in Stalin Allee's flamboyant facade of prosperity and well-being.

Horseshoes clip-clop down the asphalt boulevard past the luxury shops. There are few motor cars to be seen, considering that Stalin Allee is the fanciest street in East Berlin, and the wide sidewalks are all but deserted.

The state-owned shops have lots of sales people, but not very many customers; and the items you see in the show-cases you may not be able to buy inside the shop.

IRONY

Towards the north end of Stalin Allee is a huge billboard sign. It is a propaganda sign showing West Berlin under a pall of darkness. But the sun is shining in East Berlin as happy workers take their families on a state-paid vacation.

A dog, belonging to the happy son of one of the happy workers, lingers on the West Berlin sector boundary to relieve himself in the direction of West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and a group of Nazi generals.

Adenauer and the generals just stare glumly at the happy workers in Berlin, however, they are not on Stalin Allee. For the supreme irony of Stalin Allee is that here started the June 17 anti-Stalin riots which reared like wildfires through the Soviet zone.



KMB FINISH THE SEASON LIKE THE GREAT CHAMPIONS THEY ARE

By I. M. MacTAVISH

At Caroline Hill yesterday, KMB finished the season like the great Champions they are. They survived a bad patch at the start of the second half and came back to play some real vintage football.

Much of their inter-passing in the closing stages was magnificently accurate. They played with an intuition that their opponents could never match. In fact they were a team in the very best sense of the word.

They were opposed on this occasion by a collection of players—some good and some very ordinary—and long before Mr Hancock blew his whistle to end the match there was absolutely no doubt who were the Champions.

However in fairness it must be explained that The Rest were in trouble even before the game started. Sit Pei-yin and Paton of the selected side were reported sick, and Lau Ching-ping, South China defender, Sporting League 11, played in his place. The Chinese defender, Lau Ching-ping, played in his place. The Chinese defender, Lau Ching-ping, played in his place.

With the game only 14 minutes old, the Rest found themselves in further trouble when a nasty knee injury to Lau Yee ended his retirement from the game. With no other substitute available, Thomas, the Army winger, agreed to step into the breach. Lau Ching-ping stepped back into the defence with Thomas in the forward line.

During the period that the Rest side was reduced to 10 men, they lost a very unfortunate goal when So Sau-ming turned the ball into his own net in trying to put it back to Granger.

STRUCK BACK

After the interval the Rest enjoyed a period of superiority, but just when it seemed that they might level the score KMB struck back—and as has happened so often this season it was Szeo Man who swung the game in their favour for he was right on the spot to drive a neat cross into the net.

A couple of minutes later King Lok-sang scored a brilliant counter for the Rest when he lashed a 12-yard shot between Wai Fat-kim and his near post. This routed the Busmen and they immediately launched a strong attack. They got a goal but again it was a tragedy for

little So Sau-ming who, in trying to clear, hit the ball against Tang Yee-kit.

It rebounded right into the path of Lee Tai-fai and in a flash it was in the net. The Champions were really on top now and they delighted the crowd with a display that bore the hall-mark of class.

Tang Yee-kit brought the total to four when he made a typical run through a spread-eagle defence, and in the 20th minute Tom Wong-leung finished the scoring when he cut the final touch to the back of the net.

At the end of the match when Lau Yee presented the League Championship Cup to Tang Sum,

the Champion's captain, a great ambition was realised for the team.

The overall power of the KMB club was reflected in the fact that they also collected the Second Division championship. It has indeed been a great year for a grand team.

Names like South China, Kitchener, Sing Tao, and the Royal Air Force already appear on the trophy—this is the first time the popular letters KMB will go on a silver plate around the base—and taking the season as a whole is more worthy name could appear. Well played the Champions.

THE TEAMS
KMB: Wai Fat-kim, Hung Hing-yuk, Chan Kar-sai, Tang Sum, Ng Kee-cheung, Lee Chun-fai, Szeo Yiu, Szeo Man, Tang Yee-kit, Lee Tai-fai, Tam Woon-cheung.
The Rest: Granger, Dowling, Lau Yee (Thomas), Luk Tai-hai, So Sau-ming, Santos, Lau Chi-ping, Reeves, King Lok-sang, Lo Sui-lun, Tse Kam-ho.

CHINA 3, GREAT BRITAIN 0

In sweltering heat at Caroline Hill on Saturday afternoon China scored a clear-cut victory over Great Britain to win the International Charity Cup competition.

The Chinese boys played the better football and they played it with the intention of getting goals. Sometimes they overdid the clever stuff but they won this game because they were braver and that is something that certainly wasn't true of one or two of the players on the Great Britain side.

Things did not go too well for the British team. Some of the players had a poor game but that should never have been an excuse for others to adopt an attitude of indifference to the proceedings.

The China team took the field as selected but a couple of withdrawals from the British side necessitated several positional changes.

Both of the RAF were replaced by MacDonald of the Club at right-half while the indisposition of Lunnion caused three forward line changes.

Thomas was switched from the left to the right touchline, Gilbey moved from the inside berth to the left touchline and Moss of the Police came in at inside-left.

In the early stages of the game the British boys had the balance of play and might easily have notched a couple of goals, but instead of being in the lead they very nearly found themselves in arrears when first only the crossbar and later a brilliant crosser kept Ho Ying-fun from scoring.

When the Chinese side did in fact open the scoring it was almost a present from Messrs. Fraser and MacDonald, who got in a mix-up near the goal line. The ball broke clear to Mok Chan-wah and he looked almost apologetic as he slammed it into the net.

Gardner nearly squandered matters soon afterwards when a finishing drive on the run was magnificently turned over the bar by Wai Fat-kim.

After the interval Great Britain made wholesale positional changes in the forward line, but it remained, as inept as ever. In an effort to push the forwards along Falconer started an all out attacking policy from the left-half position and this proved to be the turning point of the game.

His upfield sprints left a big gap in the defence and Chu Wing-keung quickly made the most of it.

The Kitchener star was in the inside-right position when he got the second goal, and was able to carry the ball forward unhindered for a considerable

distance before driving it brilliantly into the far corner of the net.

Shortly after this, poor covering from a corner kick allowed the ball to run to the unmarked Yiu Cheuk-yin and in a flash it was in the net.

Wells at left back made a mark of nothing clearance from the goal line and yet another spectacular Granger save kept the score sheet within respectable limits.

In the Great Britain side Granger, Armstrong and Wells again played resolutely. MacDonald fired a bit towards the end but Fraser played a captain's part in the middle of the defence.

Falconer's change of tactics in the second half threw the defence wide open without improving things up front.

In the forward line only Moss did anything of note. Thomas and Gilbey were shockingly poor flanked by a lot of ground to very little purpose. Gardner's first half shot was just about the limit of his contribution to the game.

The winners, who collected the Cup from Mrs McKelvie, wife of a Vice-President of the Association, at the end of the game, got their best service from Lau Yee, Ko Po-keung, Chan Fai-hung and the entire forward line which played some delightful football.

VERDICT: It was very hot and occasionally I shed a sympathetic bead or two of perspiration for the players, but whatever the conditions one expects men who are selected for representative games such as this to make a reasonable effort.

The China side escapes criticism for they played some brilliant on-the-ground football. They obviously wanted to win and they did. Congratulations to them on their great season.

THE TEAMS

China.—Wai Fat-kim (KMB); Hau Xung-sang (Sing Tao); Lau Yee (S.C.); Chan Fai-hung (Kitchener); Ko Po-keung (S.C.); Szeo Yiu (KMB); Ho Ying-fun (Kitchener); Lee Tai-fai (KMB); Chu Wing-keung (Kitchener); Yiu Cheuk-yin (S.C.) and Mok Chun-wah (S.C.).

Great Britain.—Granger (Army); Armstrong (Club); Wells (Army); MacDonald (Club); Fraser (Army); Falconer (Army); Gardner (Club); Moss (Police); and Gilbey (RAF).

MCC v. PAKISTAN



Reg Simpson cuts past the slips for three in the match at Lord's between the MCC and Pakistan.

Craigengower Open Badminton Championships Will Start This Evening

By "ARGONAUT"

The Craigengower Open Badminton Championships in the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles events open this evening at Craigengower Cricket Club and will continue to be held every night during the coming week up to Sunday when they will all be completed.

Additional interest is being shown in the Championships this year in view of the fact that they have all been thrown open to members of other Clubs.

Good response has come from the Chinese YMCA and University players and the Championships will see in action not only the Colony Men's Singles Champion, Y. S. Lim, and runner-up Bill Funk, but also the Ladies' Singles Champion, Helen Kwong, in the Mixed Doubles, and the current Men's Doubles holders, P. H. Wong and R. Tay.

The following is the full programme for the whole Championships:

TONIGHT'S GAMES
Open Senior Men's Singles 8 p.m. Thomas Tung (CCC) v B. N. Hedge (CCC).
8.30 p.m. Bill Funk (CCC) v K. Wai-bong (HKSSA).

Open Senior Men's Doubles 8 p.m. S. A. Vanar (HKU) v S. K. Wong (CYMCA).
8.30 p.m. Z. A. Abbas & G. T. Louis (CCC) v K. C. Wong (CCC) & W. F. Foo (CYMCA).

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
Open Senior Men's Singles 8 p.m. Yew Meng-ting (HKU) v B. N. Hedge (CCC) or Thomas Tung (CCC).
8.30 p.m. Jimmy Ku (CCC) v S. A. Vanar (HKU) or S. K. Wong (CYMCA).

Open Senior Men's Doubles 8.30 p.m. M. A. Ebrahim (CCC) v Y. S. Lim (Malaya).
9 p.m. Y. S. Lim (Malaya) & Bill Funk (CCC) v Frank Yeh & Castro Jr. (CCC).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
Open Senior Men's Singles (Semi-Finals) 8 p.m. Funk or Ko Wai-bong v M. T. Yew or T. Tung or Hedge.
8.30 p.m. Y. S. Lim or Ebrahim v Vanar or S. K. Wong or J. Ku.

Open Senior Men's Doubles 8 p.m. M. T. Yew & S. Vanar v Tung & Sung or Hedge & Ko.
8.30 p.m. R. Tay & F. Wong v F. Rozario & J. Ku.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3
Open Senior Men's Singles (Final) 8 p.m. Funk or Ko Wai-bong v M. T. Yew or T. Tung or Hedge.

Open Senior Men's Doubles (Final) 8.30 p.m. Y. S. Lim & Bill Funk v M. T. Yew & S. Vanar.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4
Open Senior Men's Singles (Semi-Finals) 8.30 p.m. top Bracket.
9 p.m. Bottom Bracket.
Club Junior Mixed Doubles Final.

8.30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Chan v Martin Wong & Mrs. T. C. Chung.
9 p.m. Open Senior Mixed Doubles (Semi-Finals) 8 p.m. F. Foo & Dorothy Lam v Jimmy Ku & Stella Correa.
8.30 p.m. Bill Funk & Mrs. Jenny Yung v M. T. Yew & Mrs. T. Campos.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
Open Senior Mixed Doubles (Semi-Finals) 8 p.m. R. Tay & Miss Helen Kwong v Foo & Miss Lam or J. Ku & Miss Correa.
8.30 p.m. Y. S. Lim & Mary Wong v Funk & Mrs. Yung or Yew & Mrs. Campos.
9 p.m. Exhibition: S. K. Wong & Silu Chuen v Ed Marquez-Lim & Ko Wai-bong (one set of 21 points).
9.30 p.m. Open Senior Mixed Doubles Final.

JAPAN'S WONDER WOMAN OF TENNIS WILL PLAY AT WIMBLEDON

London, May 30.

With Japan's return to the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships next month for the first time since before the war, comes their poker-faced young wonder woman, 29-year-old Sachiko Kamo.

Shy, demure, and retiring, she is said to play with the strength of a man, outclass every other woman player in Japan and to be capable of accounting for a large number of her sex in overseas competition.

She won her first national women's title at the age of 15, and has been Singles Champion of Japan 13 times in the last 14 years. She did not compete in 1952 as she was playing in the United States. She won the all-Japan title in 1940, when tennis was resumed in Japan after the war and has held it ever since.

Miss Kamo's first name means "very happy child" and she is happy by nature. But on court her feelings are masked behind an expression of constant calm, somewhat disconcerting to an opponent feeling "her cannonball play" and recalling great Helen Wills, who dominated Wimbledon in the early thirties.

RUNS IN THE FAMILY
She comes from a family of tennis enthusiasts. She and her brothers and sister were taught by their father and have all made a name for themselves in tennis in Japan.

Wimbledon this year will be something of a family affair for the Kamos as Miss Kamo's 22-year-old brother, Kosei, will also be playing there. Later he will play for Japan in the Davis Cup matches.

Kosei's name is the Japanese equivalent of "Cochet". His father was a great admirer of

Henri Cochet, one of France's famous "Three Musketeers" of lawn tennis in the nineteenth-century.

There is more of less no information on which to base Miss Kamo's form in competition with overseas players. She is the only bright star in the Japanese firmament with no other woman player to approach her.

Whether Miss Kamo wins new laurels for Japan or not at Wimbledon this year, her quiet unassuming charm is likely to win the hearts of the Wimbledon crowd.—China Mail Special.

NEW RECORD BY ZATOPEK

Paris, May 30.
The Czechoslovak Olympic champion, Emil Zatopek, beat the world 5,000-metre record in an international athletic meeting today.

Zatopek's time was a little over 13 minutes and 57 seconds. The previous best was 13 minutes and 58.2 seconds held by the Swede, Gundar Haegg.—France-Press.

French Tennis Championships

Paris, May 30.

Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas won the Men's Doubles of the French International Lawn Tennis Championships today when they beat Lewis Hoad and Ken Rosewall, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

In the Women's Doubles, Maureen Connolly and Mrs Hopman beat Miss S. Schmitt and Mme Galtier, 7-5, 4-6, and 6-0.—France-Press.

Miss Connolly became triple champion when she won the Mixed Doubles final in partnership with Hoad.

They beat Rex Hartwig (Australia) and Mme Jacqueline Paterni (France) 6-4, 6-3.

In the singles final Miss Connolly had retained her title with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Mme Ginette Bucaille of France on Saturday.

Trabert won the Men's Singles title on Saturday, dropping only one set throughout the event. In the all-American final he completely out-played left-hander Art Larsen to win 6-4, 7-5, 6-1, which will probably earn him top seeding at Wimbledon next month.—Reuter.

BETTY NUTHALL WEDS AMERICAN

New York, May 29.

Miss Betty Nuthall, former leading British tennis player, was married yesterday to Mr Franklin Comly Shoemaker, a trade analyst.—Reuter.

County Athletic Championships

This Mile Was Too Short For Pirie

By GEOFFREY SIMPSON

It was by only a desperate "short head" that Gordon Pirie, Three and Six Miles Champion who has suddenly developed a desire to outdo Roger Bannister, struggled first to the tape. In Surrey's Championship Mile on Saturday, May 22, at Molesey Park.

About 18 inches from his shoulder was his young clubmate, Peter Driver—and if that is not enough to decide Pirie that staying in his game, the time of 4 min. 10.6 sec. should. I do not think Pirie could have pulled out any more on a fast last lap of 58.8 seconds.

At the bell Pirie was in front shaping for a comfortable win, but suddenly the short, fat, haired figure of Tony Barrett, the title-holder, shot past him and opened up a six-yard gap.

Pirie closed with Barrett on the final bend, only to be challenged by Driver and forced to a touch-and-go race along the home straight.

Afterwards, Pirie said: "I was running to win, regarded the race as part of my training, and was not much concerned about the time." Nevertheless, many had been led to expect something closer to the four-minute mark.

AFTER 3-MILE RECORD
Pirie had another mile race last Saturday at Chislewick, but if there is any record-bearing to be done I shall be looking for it in the British Games at White City Stadium, at Whitsun, when he reverts to his true distance of three miles.

Athletes are notoriously shy about publishing record attempts, but the hint has been dropped: Pirie is after Gundar Haegg's world record of 13 min. 32.4 sec.

Frank from his intentions was Bill Nankeville, former Mile Champion. Before he lined up for the Surrey half-mile against Britain's young title-holder, Brian Haydon, he told me: "I'm going all out—I'm determined to win."

The right spirit, to be sure. And what a race it was! Hewson, held on grimly to a yard advantage, to emphasise what an impossible task he had set himself.

SANDO IN FORM
Long-distance specialist Fred Norris, won Lancashire's three-mile title at Manchester in 14 min. 15 sec., best-ever for the county, only to find that Frank Sando "champion runner-up" of athletics, had bettered it with 14 min. 32 sec. in the Kent meeting at Maidstone.

Peter Fryer, AAA Quarter Mile Champion, concentrated on the 100 Yards and 200 Yards in the Northamptonshire Championships at Wellingborough, and won both, but for shrewd hard work all-rounder, Geoff Elliott, the athlete who "nates" watching, took first prize, beating him the entire afternoon chasing four Essex titles at Woodford Bridge and, switching from one event to another, as called upon, ended up owner of the 100 Yards, 200 Yards, 400 Yards, and 800 Yards hurdles, and discus.

Results of the events were: 100 Yards, 14.3 sec., Stephen Xavier (HKAAC); 200 Yards, 29.8 sec., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 400 Yards, 1.01 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 800 Yards, 2.15 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 1,000 Yards, 3.15 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 1,200 Yards, 3.45 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 1,400 Yards, 3.55 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 1,600 Yards, 4.05 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 1,800 Yards, 4.15 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 2,000 Yards, 4.25 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 2,200 Yards, 4.35 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 2,400 Yards, 4.45 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 2,600 Yards, 4.55 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 2,800 Yards, 4.65 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 3,000 Yards, 4.75 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 3,200 Yards, 4.85 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 3,400 Yards, 4.95 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 3,600 Yards, 5.05 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 3,800 Yards, 5.15 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 4,000 Yards, 5.25 min., J. S. Sweeney (HKAAC); 4,200 Yards, 5.35 min., J. S. 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LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE REVIEW

FIGHTING DISPLAY BY POLICE AGAINST CRAIGENGOWER, BUT INDIANS DISAPPOINT

By "TOUCHER"

A fighting display by the Police against Craigenower Cricket Club and disappointing form by the Indian Recreation Club at Reccelo formed the main highlights of the week-end lawn bowls First Division League games.

Although they were edged out by Craigenower in the overall score by 2-3, the Police Recreation Club claimed the honours on two rinks and with a little luck could have made the score 4-1 in their favour.

A perfect bowling shot by G. Perkins on the last head enabled him to follow up a four on the 20th head with another four.

This spectacular recovery not only gave Perkins a 21-10 win over Joe Landell's four but left Jack Hayman with the fighting chance of trying to score one shot for a draw on the aggregate and two shots to win with his last wood of the afternoon.

With a tie of two against him, Hayman just mustered taking jack back for a count of at least two shots.

Most successful rink of the Police team was again that which consisted of G. Watt, J. Goodman, W. Hollands and Ken Bodie, who by beating Craigenower by 20-14 chalked up their fourth straight win this season.

All four of them played consistently throughout, but most outstanding was their skip, Ken Bodie, who time and again came in with that odd one whether in saving a count or in drawing the first shot.

It is a pity that Ken Bodie will be going on leave some time this week and will be unable to lead what would undoubtedly be one of the most successful rinks of this season.

WILL BE RELIEVED

Although many contending skips for the Champion skip's position will be relieved to know that the prospects of an eight being scored against them is less likely now that Ken will be away, they will undoubtedly all join me in wishing Ken a happy holiday and hoping that he will repeat his prolific scoring when he plays for Hongkong in the Espin Cup back home.

For their narrow win, Craigenower had a lot to thank the rink comprising P. K. Lau, A. J. Kew, F. Lee and C. R. Rosset. The three front men were especially brilliant, leaving Rosset little to do throughout except add in more shots on most of the heads.

The match between Reccelo "Blues" and Indian Recreation Club saw two extreme forms—Reccelo playing well up near their top form and the Indians

giving one of their poorest displays in the League.

With the exception of U. A. Rungah's rink who lost to Jackie Noronha and his men by 21-27, the other two rinks went down by overwhelming scores. Superiority of the Reccelo front men time and again left the Indian skips not only with the heads against them, but also with no alternative but to play heavy shots which more often than not went far too wide.

Slowly coming up to the front the KCC first who during the week-end chalked up their second 4-1 win at the expense of Filipino Club.

Tommy Baker for the second week in succession claimed the distinction of scoring the big win of the afternoon with an overwhelming 30-7 score over the Filipino rink skipped by C. A. Coelho.

SECOND DIVISION

The Second Division games saw Reccelo and KCC maintaining their leads in the League table, each with a 4-1 win. The Indian Recreation Club had their aspirations a little dampened when they were surprisingly defeated by Craigenower by 2-3 after winning on two rinks.

S. L. Leonard's 11-shot victory over A. M. Rungah enabled Craigenower to take a narrow three-shot decision on the aggregate.

The Third Division opening matches showed little promise of close competition. In all the four matches played, all four favourites won by handsome margins, and even at this early stage the race for the division's honours seems to be limited to KCC, FC, HKERC and IRC.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Division

P W D L Pts.

Reccelo 4 4 0 0 15

"Blues" 3 3 0 0 10

"Whites" 3 2 0 1 10

KCC 2 2 0 0 8

IRC 4 1 0 3 6

PRC 2 1 0 1 4

KGGC 2 1 0 1 4

FC 2 0 0 2 3

KDC 4 0 0 4 3

Second Division

Reccelo 4 3 0 1 15

KCC 3 3 0 0 13

HKFC 4 3 0 1 12

USRC 4 2 0 2 11

IRC 3 2 0 1 10

CCC 4 2 0 2 8

KGGC 3 2 0 1 8

TC 4 0 0 4 4

HKCC 2 0 0 2 2

PRC 3 0 0 3 1

Third Division

KCC 1 1 0 0 5

IRC 1 1 0 0 5

FC 1 1 0 0 4

HKERC 1 1 0 0 4

USRC 1 0 0 1 1

PRC 1 0 0 1 1

CCC 1 0 0 1 0

HKFC 1 0 0 1 0

Enjoyable "At Home" At H.K. Gun Club

The Hongkong Gun Club "at home" at the Club near Tsun Wan proved to be a most enjoyable and successful function yesterday.

Starting at 10 a.m. and continuing throughout the day until late in the evening, the "at home" saw over 150 members, friends and guests enjoy themselves in friendly competition with rifles, revolvers and shotguns.

Official guests include the Hon. T. L. Bowering and Mrs. Bowering, the Hon. Kwok Chan and Mrs. Kwok, Mr. A. St. G. Walton, Mr. A. R. St. G. Major, Mr. R. V. Turner, Mr. G. D. Binstead, Mr. E. C. Van Helden, Col. J. A. Dawson, Mr. T. O. Tso and many others.

During the afternoon a magnificent array of quality shotguns, rifles and pistols were on display, and it was estimated the dozen odd pieces were valued at over \$50,000. Of special interest were two owned by Dr. Li Shiu Fan, President of the Gun Club, a Holland and Holland 20 bore double barreled shot-gun weighing only five and a half pounds and an elaborately engraved and a Griffin & Howe 270 cal. rifle, complete with telescopic sights and a carrying case.

Churchill's "Boys", C. P. Sauer, W. C. Scott Imperial and Winchester stood in proud array and surrounding these were two Hammerly Olympic match 22 pistols with custom built grips, each measuring about 15 inches in overall length.

Competitions varied from 22 rifle 50 metres and 38 Pistol 20 yards to Skeet and Trap shooting events. Tiffin was followed by tea, and this preceded a lavish cocktail and canapes interlude at the end of the competitions.

In his speech of welcome to guests, Dr. Li Shiu Fan, the President of the Club, extended the warmest welcome to the guests and to the members of the Club which represented the Colony in the recent Asian Games in Manila.

Mr. Kwok stated that the team although they did not bring in any laurels or prizes from Manila brought back with them a priceless experience and have accomplished, in conjunction with the other athletes that went to the Games, one great feat—that of placing Hongkong squarely on the map of the Asian Games.

Referring to the members of the Club which participated, he specially selected Miss Mabel Wong, who was outstanding in being the only woman competitor in all the shooting competitions.

Reviewing the activities of the Club, Mr. Kwok said that the greatest accomplishment was the repeal of the out-dated Games Ordinance and the enactment of the new one.

Whilst the Club welcomes the improvement in the new Bill, Mr. Kwok continued, it was regretted that one unsatisfactory item was found which constituted a major set-back.

He referred to the imposition



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BARRIER BREAKER



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Let 'Em All Come

By HENRY LONGHURST

Temporarily laid low by a bout of the prevailing whatever-it-was, I was prevented from doing a couple of highly congenial lodging turns in North Wales, where I would have liked to have been watching that middle-aged pike, Henry Cotton, dispersing the minnows at Llandudno.

Instead, I unfolded the draw for last week's Amateur Championship—modestly described, I saw, as "Amateur Golf Tournament to be played on the Links of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, Muirfield."

This document, the names printed in small type, stretched to the far end of the bed and it was manifestly impossible that any single person could have survived the lot.

There were 305 of them and they represented the second largest entry, and quite the most catholic, in the history of the Championship, our old and valued customers from the United States like Frank Stranahan, Bill Campbell and James McHale being fortified by the full strength of the four Commonwealth countries whose teams were to play at St. Andrews the following week.

KEEPING TO SCHEDULE

The miracle envisioned was that two gentlemen would start their third round battle on Tuesday at 6.24 in the evening and it was understood that members of the Championship Committee would personally line the fairways with their motor-

Infatuation Will Not Run In The Derby

Epsom, May 30.

Sir Malcolm McAlpine's colt, Infatuation, will not run in the Derby. It was announced today.

Infatuation, who was one of the early favourites for the Epsom classic, until his failure in the 2,000 Guineas, injured himself in training last week. He was quoted at 25-1 at the last Derby call-over.

Later in the day it was announced that another one-time favourite for the Derby, American-owned Ambler II, would not run.

Ambler II, trained by Captain C. Boyd-Rochford, has disappointed in recent gallops. Jockey W. H. Carr has been switched to Ambler's stable companion, Blue Prince II, who is also owned by an American.—Reuter.

Singapore Not To Be Represented At Empire Games

Singapore, May 30.

Singapore is not to be represented at the British Empire Games at Vancouver in July due to lack of funds.

The Singapore Olympic Sports Council had overspent nearly \$250,000 (\$249,000) on the Colony contingent to the second Asian Games at Manila and had to use up all its reserve funds.

Neo Chwee Kok, the swimmer, Mary Klash, the sprinter, and the water polo squad were those earlier nominees as worthy of representing Singapore at the Empire Games, but lack of funds prevented the Singapore Olympic Sports Council from entering any of them for the Games.—United Press.

Tommy Uren Dies

Melbourne, May 30.

Tommy Uren, former Lightweight, Welterweight and Middleweight Champion of Australia, died today aged 60. Uren began fighting before the First World War and the par is 70, and to think that we now have to walk nearly a mile farther and the par is three or four strokes less!

Muirfield today is perhaps the brightest jewel in that tiara of links that lie on the southern shore of the Firth of Forth, the tracery of the great bridge

THAT 7-1 DEFEAT

ENGLAND JUST CHASED SHADOWS AT BUDAPEST

By ROY PESKETT

Three minutes from the end of the game which produced England's greatest Soccer defeat, the 92,000 crowd started to handicap the Hungarian team home. It was a spontaneous, concerted, and well-deserved tribute to a magnificent performance—even better than the 6-3 Wembley triumph last November.

At the close the "Hungarian Rhapsody" boomed out across the People's Stadium to join the pean of praise and the Hungarian players ran to each side of the field in turn to take their victory salute.

Then their delicious excitement spent, the crowd wholeheartedly and sympathetically applauded as the tired English players walked slowly from the field.

This bewildered and forlorn bunch had received as great a lesson as they had given Portugal in the 10-0 drubbing a few years back.

Heaviest England defeats, before that day (May 23), were inflicted by Scotland—7-2 in 1878; 6-1 in 1881.

THESE MARVELS

This second humbling of England again proved there is nothing in European football at the moment in the class of these Magyar marvels.

It is difficult to see anybody stopping them adding the World Cup to the Olympic Championship they won in 1952.

But, humbled and beaten as they were, the English players were never broken. They fought

to the bitter end—left-back Byrne and centre-half Owen even went upfield in desperate sorties in vain efforts to reduce the horrible—looking total beaming down from the two electric score-boards at either end of the field.

The bitter lesson is that the Hungarians' game is football perfection. Everything is there—the short and long pass, the delicate, deft control which precedes the thunderbolt wing-flying pass, or the deadly low shot from anywhere up to 30 yards.

Twice in the match the Soccer machine, which had been ticking over in smooth style, burst into fierce action. Each time it brought three goals in fashions as brilliant as they were varied.

FANTASTIC SPELLS

The first burst, from the tenth to the 30th minute, hurried Hungary into a 3-0 lead. Then, after the only spell in the match when England were on top—the opening 12 minutes of the second half—they struck again.

This time the England net was riddled three times in five fantastic minutes.

It is only fair to say that in our second-half spell nothing went right for England. First Sowell's shot hit Lantos, then the keeper out of his goal, then a Finney shot, following a great one-handed save by Grosics, was charged down.

But after Kocsis had scored No. 4 from a breakaway, came the worst piece of luck in the match. Harris fired the ball towards a vacant corner of the Hungarian net only for Finney, who had been trying to get out of the way, to stop the ball with his shoulder.

A goal in this period, and the scoreboard might have looked a little less humiliating.

The hopes that the new defence would hold this lightning Hungarian attack were never realised. The half-backs were overrun, deceived from their positions in manner little short of ridiculous.

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It was sheer poetry to watch Kocsis, Boszsk, or Hidegkuti trap the ball in mid-air with their thighs, then play it where they wished, leaving a flat-footed English opponent helplessly watching the Hungarian shadows streak away over the sun-drenched turf.

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It was Wembley all over again, with the slow-thinking England players unable to find any effective answer to the merciless Hungarians, who were their masters in everything but courage.

The best of our players were goalkeeper Merrick and Byrne. United full-back is in the team to stay for a long time.

Time and again he was applauded for brilliant interceptions, or cool dribbles, when faced by three or more opponents. Each time he tried to play the ball out of trouble and help his forwards—more than could be said for the rest of the defence.

PLAN FAILED

The experiment of playing Jezzard was, I am sorry to say, a failure. He ran himself into the ground in an effort to score, but just wasn't fast enough, or clever enough to beat the excellent Lantos or his cover-man Buzansky.

Almost on half-time Jezzard should have scored but thinking Sowell was better placed, he left alone a free kick from Dickinson which he should have headed. It was just one of the many instances of indecision in the England team.

Finney, for the third successive big match, was heart-breakingly disappointing. He never learned anything from the speedy Hungarians, who were off their marks like sprinters before the ball was kicked. They never waited to see what the England man would do with the ball.

There were isolated glimpses of Broadis, who did score a magnificent goal from the edge of the penalty area. But Sowell had a very poor game and little was seen of Harris' speed.

Here is how the goals came: 10 minutes, Lantos, 22 Puskas, 30 Kocsis, 56 Kocsis, 58 Toth, 60 Hidegkuti, 69 Broadis, 72 Ruskas.

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Volunteers Win Centenary Bowls Match

Meeting in eight rinks at Kewlown Bowling Green, the Volunteers defeated the Royal Hongkong Defence Force lawn bowlers on five of the eight rinks and by a margin of 13 shots—155 to 142 yesterday.

It was a gala affair, despite the threatening clouds and a large turn-out of supporters from both teams were present to provide silent-if occasionally broken—moral support.

At the conclusion, it was announced that the President had won by a margin of one single solitary shot, but a check up revealed that the cards were not all marked uniformly and some had the Present named first whilst others had Past. A further check showed victory for the Past, which, taking into consideration, really didn't matter at all as a good time was had by all.

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Postmen Ask For Milk

Five hundred postmen in conference at Bournemouth recently claimed that some of their members should drink milk as a protection against the dust inhaled from mail bags.
 The Post Office will now be asked to have 2,000 bottles of milk delivered daily to the larger head post offices in the country.
 The subject of milk was introduced by Mr Frank Bagley, a burly six-foot Ulsterman, who said that a daily pint would benefit the men in dusty jobs.

WEIGHT SCALE

There was only one speaker against the proposal, Mr L. H. Sheppard of Folkestone, who delegates that they should not ask for milk for men or boys who only handled the dusty jobs in the smaller offices for a few minutes a day.
 The executive council was instructed to make the application for a daily pint for men on bag, seal or stamping duties.
 Mr C. Stennett, the assistant secretary, answered complaints from delegates that the postman was carrying too much.
 He said that the Post Office was being asked to approve a schedule of maximum weight of carried baggage from:
 Fifteen pounds on foot, or 20lbs. when cycling to be carried by a 15-year-old boy, to the maximum weight, over age 17, of 28lbs. on foot and 35 to 40lbs. when cycling.
 Despite opposition on behalf of the executive, the union passed a resolution calling for universal rates as additional protection against gang attacks.

Japan, A Strong Shipbuilding Competitor To UK?

Shipbuilding returns of Lloyd's Register of Shipping for the first quarter of this year show that Japan has under construction 75 ships, totalling 357,090 gross tons, which gives her seventh place in the world's list of shipbuilding countries, according to the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
 The Japanese Transport Ministry has stated that with an output of 663,000 tons during the financial year ended in March, Japanese yards created a post-war record.

A significant statement, also made by the Ministry, is that the tonnage of vessels built this year would decline sharply.

From this can it be assumed that Japan is not, or will not be, the shipbuilding competitor that it was feared she would be some years ago? asks the Journal.

However, whilst this may not at present be the case, there is no room for complacency, because what Japan is not building other foreign countries are Germany, for instance, has under construction 644,381 tons, giving her second position to Britain.

An interesting point that emerges from the figures is that countries of the British Commonwealth, excluding Great Britain and Northern Ireland, have under construction 44 ships, which total 204,188 tons, compared with 39 ships and 170,577 tons in the last quarter of 1953.

Each of the countries shows a gain in tonnage building, and their combined total compares with only 30,279 tons recorded as under construction immediately before the Second World War.

This reflects the progress made in Commonwealth shipbuilding, and in certain countries plans for further development are in hand, although in India, for example, costs are considerably higher than those of Britain.

Post-war policies of self-sufficiency may have meant a loss of work, admittedly not large in volume, to yards in the British Isles, but there is

some satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that this tonnage has not been diverted to foreign firms.

GERMANY HOLDS LEAD

New orders are being received by yards in the British Isles at a rate which is only equal to one-third of the present annual rate of construction, based on Lloyd's Register returns for the first three months.

Figures compiled by the Shipbuilding Conference show that while new orders amounting to 468,000 gross tons were booked in the 12 months to March, 1954, compared with nearly 900,000 tons for the previous 12 months, and over 3 million tons in the year to March, 1952, the annual rate of tonnage commenced and completed, based upon the returns for the first quarter of this year, is 1,000,000 tons in each instance.

The totals of tonnage commenced, launched and completed overseas during the 12 months to the end of March were almost three times the U.K. figures.

Among the foreign countries which are shown to be principal competitors, Germany holds the lead, and only in that country and Norway the tonnages under construction show appreciable increases.

The British figure of ships under construction at the end of March was an increase of 43,000 tons on the previous year, while that of the rest of the world showed an improvement of 119,000 tons, the Journal adds.

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General Clark At Memorial Day Service

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 General Mark Clark, former United Nations Commander in Korea, said today that the Western Allies had the "hard and determined confidence of a group of nations who know we are solidly united and that united we are invincible."

Speaking at an American Memorial Day ceremony at Nettuno General Clark, who led the Fifth Army in Italy in World War II, said the price the Communists demanded for peace was to have every world capital kneeling before them.

He recalled standing on the same spot 10 years ago honouring the dead in the Nettuno military cemetery while his army was locked in a death struggle with the Germans on the road to Rome.

"The only way to cancel the debt we, the surviving, owe those dead is through deeds not words. We must match their sacrifices with sacrifices of our own, sacrifices for our cause,"—Reuter.

Vienna, May 30.
 A labourer who narrowly escaped being shot by Yugoslav frontier guards as he swam the River Danube is among 50 people from Yugoslavia who have fled to Austria in the past six days, the official news letter of the right-wing People's Party revealed today.—China Mail Special.

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The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, rehearsing in Regents Park for their famous Musical Ride, which will again be featured in the Tournament at Epsom Court.

Islam's Public Enemy No. 1 — Communism

Cairo, May 30.

Communism continues to be one of the main headaches of Egyptian Intelligence Officers in spite of the breaking-up of Red cells from time to time.

Frequently described as the No. 1 Enemy of Islam, Communism is banned in Egypt. It must, therefore, operate underground, and this makes the work of the security forces engaged in combating it extremely difficult.

By day and night, however, the watch on Communist activities goes on in the Army, the Universities and among the workers. When the security forces strike, they strike hard.

They struck earlier this month and rounded-up twelve junior Cavalry officers and about 45 civilians including journalists, students and workers. They were officially described as being caught "red-handed," and though the full story of what they intended to do has yet to be told, there is evidence that they were bent on creating trouble on May Day (May 1), and may have had an attempted coup as their ultimate aim.

Government sources have disclosed that all belonged to the United Front, a rallying-ground for dissident elements, under Communist inspiration and leadership. Among those arrested were Communists, Ward sympathisers, Socialists and some

members of the powerful Muslim Brotherhood.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, is said to have known of the existence of the plot, and to have gone to Borg-el-Arab, near Alexandria, with Major-General Abdel Hakim Amer, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, to give the conspirators the impression that the Government was unaware of what was afoot.

Lieutenant-Colonel Zakaria Mohamed, Minister of the Interior and Director of Army Intelligence, flew to Borg-el-Arab and told the Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief that the security forces were ready to strike.

All three returned to Cairo and the round-up of the plotters was carried out. With the conspirators under lock and key and heavily

guarded, the Prime Minister, in an address to workers in Cairo, attacked Communism, blaming Zouists for being behind the efforts to spread the creed in Egypt.

After the Army Revolt (in July 1952) and the expulsion of King Farouk, the Prime Minister said, "those who spoke in the name of Communism came out into the open to say that the revolution wants to strengthen imperialism which, with parliamentary dictatorship, has caused to all our sufferings in the past."

"Investigations have shown that Zouism is creating Communist organisations, Zionism, a beautiful and shining work, is trying to deceive us under the guise of liberty and democracy."

"Zionists are misguiding the people to enable Zionism to occupy the Nile Valley and parts of Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Under the guise of Communism, they are trying to dupe you with honeyed words on equality, and raising the living standards of the workers, the full-time (peasants) and the poor. But the people who have been deceived in the past will not be deceived again."

The Red Pasha

Lieutenant-Colonel Abdel Nasser then launched a personal attack on Mohammed Kamel el-Bindary, whom he called the "Father of Communism" in Egypt. Kamel el-Bindary was formerly Egyptian Ambassador to Moscow and because of his activities is known as the "Red Pasha."

"Kamel el-Bindary surrounds himself with others of the breed and lives a luxurious life in Cairo," the Prime Minister declared. "Yet he speaks of Communism and Democracy claiming that these are the only means by which the country can reach its objectives."

"I met him when the Political Parties Reorganisation Act was promulgated and he produced a plan for the establishment of a new party. I looked through the programme and remarked that it was beautiful talk of the type we have heard in the past. What are the practical means for carrying out this programme?"

"I asked him for a satisfactory reply from him."

Forty-eight hours after Lieutenant-Colonel Abdel Nasser's speech, Major Kamel el Din Hussin, Minister of Social Affairs, disclosed that a son of the "Red Pasha" had been arrested for alleged complicity in the May Day plot.

Major Hussin added that the husband of a former Princess whose name he did not reveal, and another member of the former Royal Family, were also involved in the plot.

One of the few newspapers to comment on the plot was Akhbar Al Yom, owned by the twin brothers, Montafina and Ali Amin. It published these views on Communism in a leading article:

"In the past, when corruption reigned and class-gaps were wide, we could find excuses for Communist agitators. But today, following the agrarian reform, the declaration of the Republic, and progressive taxation, they cannot be excused."

"It seems that the Communists in Egypt are not really interested in such reforms. They only wish to annex Egypt to Moscow." — China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

CONVERTIBILITY—NOW IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME

From Our Own Correspondent

Government talks over the last few weeks have resulted in an agreement on at least one important point and the clarification of a number of other issues connected with convertibility.

It is now generally agreed there will be no competition between various European currencies to be the "first across the line."

Until recently West Germany was straining at the leash and scolding its neighbours for their cautious attitude towards economic freedom. The policy of throwing controls overboard worked well for the West Germans and it is perhaps understandable they should be impatient to jettison the last important control—that which restricts the transferability of currencies.

But during his recent visit to Bonn, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler was able to convince his opposite number in West Germany, Dr. Ludwig Erhard that the British Government has good reason to be circumspect in its approach to convertibility.

There are problems in this connection that are peculiar to the pound. For, to a much greater extent than the dollar, mark, franc or guilder, the pound is an international currency financing more than half the world's trade. Admittedly it stands to benefit more than other currencies from convertibility but on the other hand it must bear a proportionately greater share of the risk. Not only therefore is the utmost caution necessary before the plunge is taken but if there is to be collective approach the pound must set the pace.

Recent discussions have also clarified the question: how much convertibility can be undertaken at one time.

It is now practically certain that at first the freedom to convert pounds into dollars will be restricted to "non-residents." Residents in the Sterling Area would still have to obtain permission from the Exchange Control Authorities before they could make purchases from a dollar country.

There is one thing however that will probably be done be-

fore a decision is taken to make the pound convertible. That is to remove the distinction between "capital" and "current" sterling.

PENULTIMATE STAGE
This could be done by abolishing what is known as "security sterling." Broadly speaking this is sterling acquired by a foreigner from the sale of securities on the London Stock Exchange and which can be used only for repurchase of similar securities.

Because of this restriction on its use, security or "switch" sterling was until recently quoted at considerable discount on other classes of sterling. But at its present price of \$2.70 "switch" sterling is now almost on par with transferable sterling and only fractionally below the official rate.

The elimination of this discrimination between capital and current sterling would be the penultimate stage of making the pound convertible. All that

would then have to be done would be to unify the two remaining non-resident classes of sterling—transferable and "American Account"—and convertibility would be achieved.

But if there is now much less uncertainty about the "how" of convertibility there is still a good deal of speculation about "when."

TWO QUESTIONS

This will depend largely on answers to two questions: what will happen to business activity in the United States?

Obviously British and other European authorities will delay convertibility as long as there is any evidence of a recession in the American economy. But time should answer this question—and a short time at that. Already there are signs that the downward curve of American activity is beginning to flatten out and American businessmen are now confidently predicting the resumption of a long-term upward trend.

2. Are reserves large enough to take the strain that may be placed upon them by convertibility?

The answer is, No; but the British Government has made no secret of the fact that additional backing will be needed to support a convertible pound.

STAND-BY LOAN

A stand-by loan will be needed and this can only come from the International Monetary Fund and/or the United States. This is believed to have been one of the subjects discussed during the recent visit to London of Mr. Randolph Hargrave of the American Treasury.

There are a number of other questions to be answered before convertibility becomes a fact. For example, will dealings in the pound and other currencies still be strictly confined within present narrow limits or will exchange rates be allowed to fluctuate more widely? And will convertible currencies be consistent with the declared policy of liberalising trade? This is an important question and one that will take up a lot of time at the forthcoming review of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade.

It is noteworthy that in spite of these unanswered questions a new note of confidence has crept into discussions of convertibility prospects.

Commentators no longer preface their remarks with "if Sterling becomes convertible..." They now say "When Sterling is convertible..." And they make it plain they are talking about something that will happen before another year has passed.

Steel ruled strong as the industry reported higher operations, notably in the Chicago district. Motors were better. Coppers rose under the lead of Anaconda. Gains of a point or more appeared in a sizeable group of rails. A dip in natural gas issues brought utilities down.

Bonds sagged slightly on the week in all major departments. For the month the industrial average showed a gain of 8.18 points; rails, 6.20 points, and utilities 1.58 points.

Demand for stocks was sustained by a number of favourable factors developing during the week.

A spurt in steel issues followed predictions by steel leaders that there would be no steel strikes this year.

Expectation of further Government spending on aircraft helped to promote interest in that group and prices rose sharply.

Good dividend news and further good Corporation news sustained the list as a whole.—United Press.

U.S. Economic Experts To Visit Yugoslavia

Belgrade, May 30. A group of United States economic representatives arrived here by air today for a week's stay in Yugoslavia.

They will examine possibilities of extending economic relations between the two countries, taking the Yugoslav news agency reports.—Reuter.

Airliner Flies Over The North Pole

Stockholm, May 30. A Scandinavian Airlines plane, the "Lefv Viking," arrived back here this evening after a Polar route return flight from Tokyo, about one and a half hours ahead of schedule.

The aircraft, which passed over the geographic North Pole, flew the last leg of its return from Fairbanks, Alaska, in 14 hours and 37 minutes instead of the scheduled 16 hours.

France-Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$829,711.50. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HSBC Bank 1300 1400 30 1000
East Asia 171 100 100
INDUSTRIALS
Coca-Cola 320 30 300
Indo-China 630 30 600
London 18 100 100
DOW JONES 1100 100 1000
Whitbread 67 2500 100 2500

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Share Prices Erratic In London

Our Own Correspondent

Mr Eden's hurried return from Geneva for consultations with his cabinet colleagues, the rumoured sinking of a United States warship in the Far East and the official railway strike in Britain—these were the factors which contributed to the decline of prices on the London Stock Exchange in the first two days of last week.

In the gilt-edged section the biggest losses were recorded in unlisted stocks. Old Combs lost 7/6 on Monday and another 10/ on Tuesday.

Losses also predominated in the equity market but the decline was short-lived and Wednesday's recovery took the Financial Times Industrial share index to 151—a new high.

Finer conditions prevailed until Friday when fears of an extension of the railway strike caused prices to dip again—by up to 7/6 in the gilt-edged section and one shilling in industrials.

The week's biggest price movements however have been in shares affected by particular company announcements. Thus Huls rose 1/2 on Monday on further consideration of the news that the company's oil venture in Alberta has "struck it rich" and Vickers led a rally in the engineering shares with a gain of ninepence on hopes of a big American order for the company's Viscount aircraft.

ROLLS ROYCE UP
Rolls Royce advanced 4/6 to 85 on Wednesday following the announcement that the company's profit last year was the highest on record coupled with an increase in the total distribution and a 50 per cent free scrip issue.

On the other hand Siemens dropped 3/4 to 40/ on a sharp fall in profits.

In the off market, Ultramar rose sharply early in the week. They gained 1/7 1/2 to 34/ on Monday and a further ninepence on Tuesday before slipping back to 33/.

Since then they have fallen further to 32/9. The rise of Anglo-Traffic to a new peak of £12-11-3 was a feature of the market on Thursday. But they reacted the next day to £12-10.

In the foreign markets, Japanese bonds advanced in anticipation of the listing of certain of the sterling issues on Wall Street.

New York Cotton Market
New York, May 30.

Cotton futures trading experienced one of the slowest weeks of the year.

Prices advanced narrowly and at no time showed a definite trend. At Friday's close the list ruled unchanged to 14 points higher, or unchanged to 70 cents a bale higher than the preceding week's prices.

Multiple uncertainties overhanging the market, the Geneva-Indo-China situations, plus the absence of definite new crop developments, and uncertainties as to how Congress will finally approve the price support legislation, all combined to depress trading.

Recent dullness in the domestic textile market, and the heavy rate of producer redemptions as reported in balances on stocks, posed other handicaps to the development of new interests.

A tight supply situation will be eliminated at the end of the season, it was felt.

Speculative accounts, disappointed by the lack of conclusive developments in Cotton, went over to the stock market and the later moving commodities like coffee, wool, cocoa, and grain.—United Press.

RAW COTTON EXPORTS
New York, May 30.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in balances by the New York Cotton Exchange for 1954-55 season to May 25 were as follows:—

Britain 339,044
Continental 182,251
Canton 1,022,223
Ceylon 410,703
Total for 1954-55 season 2,954,221
Same period last year 2,954,221
* excluding lint.—United Press.

Bank Of England Statement
London, May 30.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended May 26, reads as follows:—

Note in circulation 2,142,419,001
Public deposits 1,822,524
Private deposits 57,522,254
Government securities 328,545,450
Other securities 2,123,000
Receipts 14,264,446
Bank ratio 61
—United Press.

A Jinx Still Lingers On "Island The World Forgot"

Washington, May 30.

The "Island the World Forgot" is being remembered briefly as radio amateurs ("hams") are waiting to listen for short wave signals from a tiny coral outcrop in the eastern Pacific.

Clipperton Island, a lonely atoll 670 miles South-West of Acapulco, Mexico, is to go on the air in an expedition of United States Amateur radio enthusiasts to reach its goal.

The storm-battered, rocky outcrop, disabled recently had to radio for rescue aid.

Their distress call indicated that the island still carries a jinx. For on that insignificant speck of rock amid empty ocean, ten degrees north of the Equator, occurred not only piracy and shipwreck, but also one of the most fantastic and tragic stories in the annals of adventure.

Although France now owns Clipperton, until 1931 its claim was contested by Mexico. In the years leading up to the first World War, fertilizer was dug from the island, and a small Mexican Army garrison was maintained there.

In 1914, amid political upheaval in Mexico and the outbreak of the first World War, supplies for the colony on Clipperton, numbering at least 30 men, women and children, were somehow forgotten. Ships simply stopped going there.

Split His Skull

After a year the garrison Commander, Captain Ramon de Arnaud, took the only three men still strong enough to pull cars and set out to row to the mainland, 675 miles away. They were never heard of again.

A hurricane struck soon afterwards. Then the lighthouse keeper went insane, murdered the remaining men, and set himself up as king. One of the women he sought to enslave killed him with an axe as he slept.

On July 18, 1917, after three years of isolation, Clipperton was visited by the United States ship Yorktown while on naval patrol. Three women and eight children survived. Their terrible story was pieced together as

they were taken to the mainland. But because war still raged abroad, the tragedy received little notice at the time.

Clipperton is a low, narrow ring of coral roughly seven miles around, enclosing a landlocked lagoon. A single high rock juts 62 feet above the sea, resembling a sailing ship from a distance.

From 1943 until the end of the second World War, a United States Navy weather station was maintained on Clipperton, 2,000 miles west of the Panama Canal and 3,000 miles east of Hawaii.

Freebooter's Lair

In 1705 the island reputedly became the lair of John Clipperton, freebooting renegade mate of the English navigator William Dampier.

The island was forgotten until 1858, when a French ship landed a boat to hoist the imperial colours of Napoleon III. Mexico protested, but did nothing else for 40 years. Then in 1897, a year after another French man-of-war visited the island, it sent a gunboat of its own.

Ownership of the island grew more controversial after a British company received a concession in 1906 to work phosphate deposits there. The question was referred to the International Court at The Hague with no result, and then to the King of Italy for arbitration. After thinking it over for 22 years, the Italian monarch awarded Clipperton to France.

Other than the United States Navy weathermen, however, only a few shipwrecked fishermen have lived on Clipperton, since the tragedy of 1917. All that remained in 1948 were a few ruins from the phosphate era, a ruined building, or two and a rusted steel jolly at the edge of the reef, washed by surf.—China Mail Special.

2,000 Experts Attend Conference On Textiles

Paris, May 31.

More than 2,000 experts from 34 countries are conferring here today on the future of nylon and other man-made "textiles of the future."

They came to exchange information, hear lectures and discuss the industry's economic and technical problems at a conference arranged by the International Committee on Rayon and Synthetic Fibres.

Conference organisers said world production of artificial fibres was now double that of wool and took second place among all textiles.

West Germany, Britain and Italy, with France in fourth place, are the leading European producers of synthetic fibres which include such names as perlon and vinylon as well as the better known rayon and nylon.

Britain, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Switzerland and West Germany are represented on the committee. Other delegates come from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Japan, Mexico and the United States.

Among them are Professor Edward Robinson of Cambridge University, Dr. Staudinger of Germany, who won last year's Nobel chemistry prize; France's E. J. Brandenburger, who invented transparent cellulose wrappings; Dr. R. Tremblay, Italian Finance Minister; Professor S. de Meester of Belgium and Professor E. Lundberg, Swedish economist.—Reuter.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local (official) exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per £1) 57.5
Sterling notes (per £1) 15.51
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 15.29
Siem dollar (per 100) 15.29
Singapore (dollar) 1.78
Indo-China piastre (per 100) 7.75

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 30.

Stock prices climbed again last week and the industrial average closed at the highest level since October 18, 1929.

Rails were at their best levels for more than a year. Utilities alone closed with a tiny loss.

At the close of business on Friday, the industrial average showed a gain of 72 points or 28 per cent over the 1953 low set on September 14. Rails were up 20.98 points or 22 per cent, and utilities, up 10.2 points or 21 per cent.

The improvement reflected investor demand for the high-grade stocks, although a broad demand was also noted for special issues and selected stocks of the major departments.

Net gains ranged to more than four points with a few high priced shares making much wider advances. For example, superior oil of California closed the week at 810 up 35 points.

Steel ruled strong as the industry reported higher operations, notably in the Chicago district. Motors were better. Coppers rose under the lead of Anaconda. Gains of a point or more appeared in a sizeable group of rails. A dip in natural gas issues brought utilities down.

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Menzies Has Reduced, But Safe Majority

Canberra, May 30.
Premier Robert G. Menzies' coalition government was returned to power with a reduced but safe majority in Parliament, election returns showed today.

Observers here saw Mr Menzies' victory in yesterday's election as freeing him to take a stronger stand on Indo-China and Pacific defence.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at 6 P.M. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the 6 P.M. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

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Philippines, India, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
By Air
Philippines, 6 a.m.
Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.
Japan, Korea, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.

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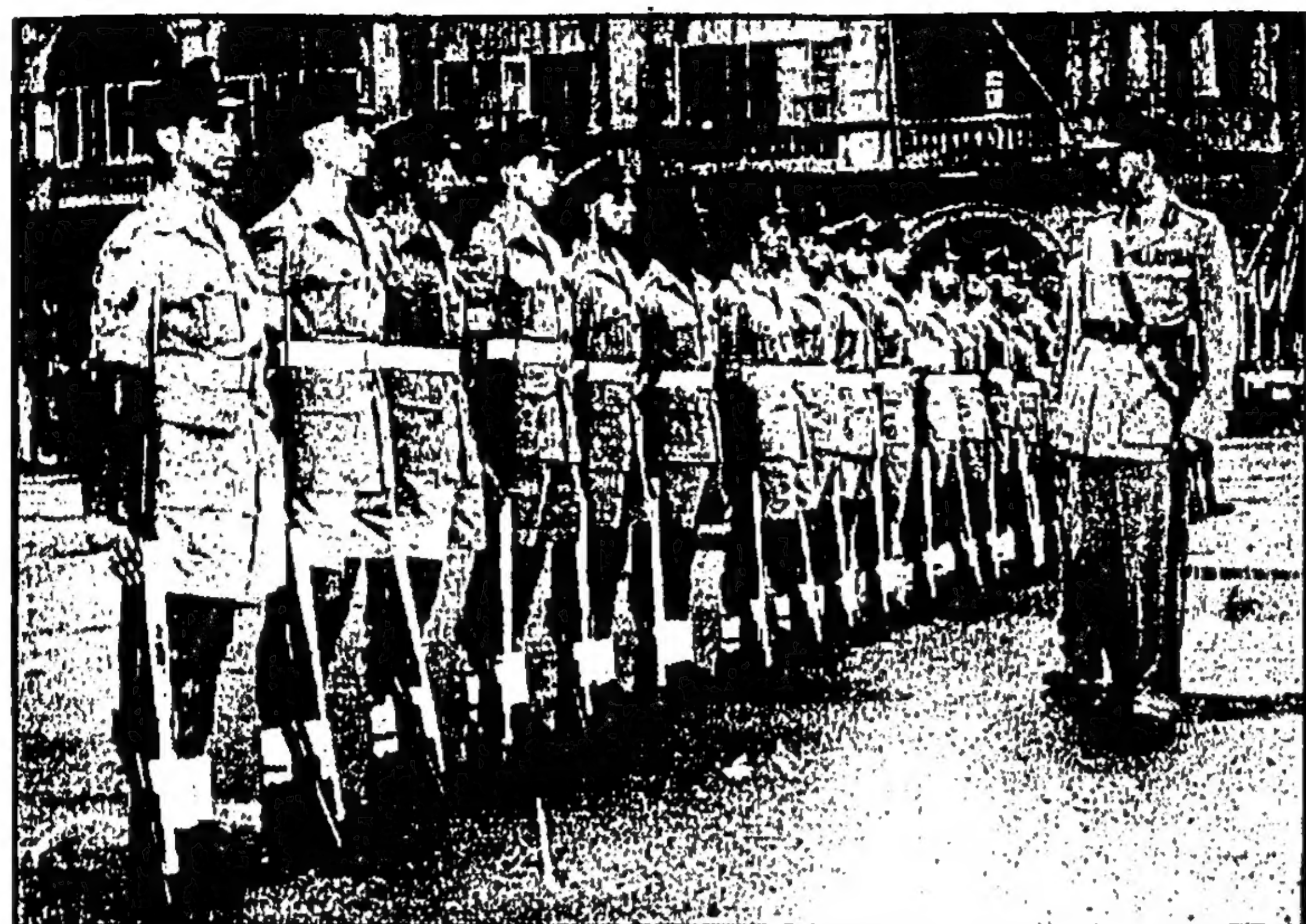
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6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6:05 Children's Hour. 6:10 presented by Sally Ann (studio), 6:20, Cantonese to Radio Lesson 24 prepared by S. K. Lee. 6:30, presented by Deni Day and Lee Wan-lan (discussed). 6:45, News (discussed). 7:00, The Great Wall of China. 7:10, The Great Wall of China. 7:20, Viewpoint. A Weekly Magazine Programme devoted to literature, drama and the cinema. Edited and introduced by Donald Brooks. Books reviewed by Frank King. The Future of the House of Lords. Edited by Sidney D. Bailey. Britain in the World Economy by Sir Dennis H. Robertson. Schools and Universities in Britain and America. Talk by Michael Fubler. 7:30, Weather Report. 7:35, Time Signal and World News (London relay). 8:10, News Talk (London relay). 8:15, Special Announcements. 8:15, Songs of the Prairie. James Melton (tenor). 8:30, Organ Wella in "The Black Museum" No. 11 in the Series of Programmes based on the Records of the D. Scotland Yard. Episode 11: The Trick. 9:10, Time Signal. 9:15, Second in None in the United Kingdom. A Programme commemorating the Centenary of the Founding of the Hongkong Telegraph. Compiled by Donald Brooks. 10:15, Take it from here with Joy. Nephew, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. Report of last Thursday's Broadcast (BBC). 10:45, Jack Hylton and his Gram. 10:50, Weather Report. 11:00, Time Signal. Radio News (London relay). 11:10, Good-night Music. Good Save the Queen. 11:30, Close down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, Walter, you mustn't fall in Greek! It's such a valuable study—why, that's the only class we have together!"

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Lt-General C. S. Sugden, the new Commander, British Forces, Hongkong, arrived this morning to assume his new post. Top picture shows General Sugden inspecting a Guard of Honour from the Royal Air Force at old Queen's Pier, and opposite, the Colonial Secretary, Hon R. B. Black, greeting General Sugden at the pier. Also in the photograph is Air Commodore R. C. Field.

Staff Photographer.

Big Holiday Traffic Death Toll

Chicago, May 30.
Millions of holiday celebrants jammed the nation's highways today and the traffic death toll rose so alarmingly that safety experts feared it would set a new record.

A United Press survey, begun at 6 p.m. Friday, showed 140 persons dead in traffic crashes, 21 by drowning, three in aeroplane mishaps, and 17 in miscellaneous types of accidents for an overall total of 180 deaths.

Generally fair weather lured millions to the out-of-doors, creating a monumental highway jam which, safety experts warned, could set a new traffic death record for a three-day Memorial Day weekend.

The Safety Council's experts had predicted that 340 persons would die in highway accidents from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday.—United Press.

Police Officer Returns

Sub-Inspector Szeto Che-yun, of the Hongkong Police, who recently received the Baton of Honour at the Passing Out Parade of the eighth course of non-gazetted colonial police officers at the Police Training College at Hendon, returned to the Colony by the RMS Carthage this morning.

Insp. Szeto, one of 18 colonial police officers attending a six-month training course at the College, was one of several local police officers who have been sent to England in recent years under the Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship scheme to obtain advanced training in modern police work.

Insp. Szeto attended Queen's College here and joined the Police Force in 1940 as an interpreter-clerk, becoming a Probationary Sub-Inspector on April 1, 1948.

Communist Minister's Death

Vienna, May 30.
The death of Constantin Ene, Communist Rumania's deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, was announced in newspapers received here today from Bucharest. He was 51.—United Press.



General Sugden Arrives In HK

Lieut-General C. S. Sugden, CB, CBE, arrived in the Colony this morning by RMS Carthage to assume his new post as Commander, British Forces, Hongkong. He was accompanied by his wife and youngest child, Alexandra Elizabeth Sugden, seven years old.

General Sugden was met at Kowloon Wharf by Major General R. C. Cruddas, DSO, General Officer Commanding, British Forces, Hongkong, and Brigadier R. H. Bellamy, Chief of Staff. He was then taken by motor launch to old Queen's Pier, where he met Air Commodore R. C. Field, Air Officer Commanding, Hongkong, OBE, DSC, RN, Commodore, in Charge, Hongkong, and the Hon R. B. Black, CMG, OBE, Colonial Secretary.

A Guard of Honour of the Royal Air Force lined up outside the entrance to Queen's Pier and presented arms before General Sugden inspected them. On the inspection he was accompanied by Flight-Lieut. E. L. Heath, Commanding Officer of the Guard. The Band of the 1st Battalion, Dorset Regiment, was in attendance.

General Sugden then proceeded by car to HMS Tamar, where he inspected another Guard of Honour of men from HMS Tamar.

At Flagstaff House, General Sugden inspected a Guard of Honour drawn from the 24th Regt, RE. General Sugden is a Royal Engineer himself.

MEMORIAL DAY

The United States Consulate-General, and American warships in port flew their flags at half-mast today in commemoration of Memorial Day.

The Band of the 1st Battalion, Welch Regiment, was also in attendance.

SHOP FOKI PRACTISES MEDICINE

A 33-year-old shop foki, Chu Ngai-chun, of 187 Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, was fined a total of \$400 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central today for being an unregistered person practising medicine for gain, and for possession of penicillin substances.

Inspector D. J. Carty, prosecuting, told the Court that a Police party under Det Sub-Inspector M. A. Ringer raided the defendant's premises at 11:30 a.m. on May 27, and found Chu about to administer an injection to a woman, Mak Chin-lan. Placed in front of him were eight penicillin tablets, six cc of procaine penicillin in oil, and alcohol for cleaning the syringe and needle.

The defendant admitted to the Police that he was to receive \$2 for the injection, and that the penicillin substances were his.

SLOSS TRIAL OPENS

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those limits excluded evidence to which he had referred. Counsel proceeded to read the passage after which he said that at first reading, he would think it was conclusive of the matter against him but the learned editors of Halsbury, he added, made it perfectly clear that where the charge was manslaughter or dangerous driving then evidence of reckless or criminal negligence at another point before the incident concerned might be led. And he was back to this question, whether it could possibly be suggested that merely because the accused in this case struck a taxi a glancing blow that was evidence of reckless or criminal negligence.

Nothing could be further from the truth, Mr d'Almeida submitted. It might be evidence of careless driving, and no more, and it fell very far short of that degree of negligence which could be characterized by the epithets reckless and criminal.

The fact that the evidence must be a very high degree of negligence, Counsel said, he need hardly give authority for, but he referred the Court to several passages from the judgments of the Court of Criminal Appeal in two cases (Bateman's and Andrews).

Counsel submitted that the fact that one hit a stationary taxi a glancing blow and did not even stop, but proceeded on his course, was very far from evidence of criminal or reckless negligence, and therefore should not come into the picture at all.

He said that it might do was to create prejudice without in fact any bearing upon the issue.

LUDICROUS

Counsel said he would put the proposition in another way so as, if necessary, to emphasise it. Assuming nothing else had happened, that the accused in this case had hit a taxi a slight glancing blow and the question arose in the Police Court as to what the charge would be. If it was thought for a moment that the Crown would have charged him with dangerous driving that would have been ludicrous on their part, they could never hope to bring that charge home against the accused, Counsel said. He said that just as dangerous driving resulting in death did not necessarily mean that the accused was guilty of manslaughter. As would be seen from an examination of a case Counsel had cited, evidence merely of careless driving could not be admitted upon a charge involving the sole issue of whether accused was or was not guilty of criminal negligence.

The cases which he had just cited made it perfectly clear, Counsel submitted, that whereas it was evidence of highly dangerous driving before the incident concerned, such evidence would be of little use in a case where the sole issue was whether the accused was or was not guilty of criminal negligence. Counsel said he further objected to evidence which it was proposed to lead as to the state of intoxication of the accused. It was to be noted that the charge was not being drunk whilst in charge of the car. Leaving aside for the moment the question of whether or not accused was drunk at the time, he would say that the evidence fell far short of proving a felony, and the sole issue again was whether or not accused was driving in a criminally negligent manner. Whether he was sober or drunk was irrelevant unless there was other evidence such as, for example, that he was seen before the incident concerned zig-zagging across the road. There was no such evidence here, Counsel submitted. A man who was drunk might be driving with the greatest care and yet meet with an unavoidable accident.

ANOTHER OBJECTION

In the circumstances of the case, evidence of intoxication was inadmissible, Counsel submitted, tantamount to this proposition that to drive while one was drunk and kill a man whilst so doing meant automatically that one was guilty of manslaughter.

In reply, Mr Blair-Kerr submitted that there was nothing in the depositions which was inadmissible.

The Crown's case was that accused that night started drinking about 7.30 p.m. He continued to consume drink on and off until the early hours of the morning. It was his submission

that accused drove the car recklessly and in a drunken state, which contributed to his recklessness, that he zig-zagged at the time of the accident. He submitted that this evidence was relevant for the jury to know what was the manner of driving that car a quarter of an hour before the impact, and it was also relevant, he argued, for the jury to know accused's state of mind and health when examined by the doctor two hours later.

CASE RECALLED

Mr Blair-Kerr recalled a case before the present Acting Chief Justice two and a half years ago in which the Crown alleged that the accused had a fair amount of drink on that particular night and the evidence was admitted.

The Senior Crown Counsel submitted that all the evidence in the deposition was admissible on the charge of manslaughter. His second objection was that the proper time to take objection of this kind was at the time when the evidence was tendered. There was nothing in the deposition that he could see which could preclude him opening the case to the jury as it stood on the deposition.

He submitted all the evidence in the deposition was relevant and should be admissible.

Giving his ruling, his Lordship said that he saw no reason why he should exclude in advance evidence which had not yet been adduced. He said he would express no opinion as to the relevancy or otherwise of the evidence given in the Court below. The application was therefore refused.

Hearing is continuing.

Governor's Visit To Stanley

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, this morning visited the Stanley Prison and the Stanley Training Centre.

On his arrival at the prison His Excellency was met by Mr J. Norman, Commissioner of Prisons. After inspecting the guard of honour composed of Chinese Wardens, the Governor, conducted by Mr Norman, Mr L. J. McTavish, Superintendent of Stanley Prison, and Mr H. R. Tappenden, of the Stanley Training Centre, inspected the reception office where the prisoners are received when they first come to the prison.

From there, the party went on to the cells, the workshops where the inmates make shoes for the staff, and the hospital. After an hour's stay, during which Sir Alexander asked many questions, the group passed on to the Prison Annex where young convicts under 21 and over 14, who are first offenders are housed. Here the Governor showed great interest, watching the young men at work and asking after their progress.

On his arrival at the Training Centre, His Excellency was met by Mr T. J. Garner, Acting Officer in Charge, and Mr J. E. Ray, Assistant Officer in Charge. There he was entertained by the Centre's Bugle Band, sounding the Retreat. Young boys, all between 14 and 18 years, dressed in blue and white, marched with military precision while beating drums and blowing bugles.

The band, consisting of 15 boys, most of whom are Boy Scouts, has only had two months' practice. After the performance, Sir Alexander commented that they were indeed very good.

The Boy Scouts of the Centre, the 8th Hongkong Troop, which won third and fourth prizes at the Colony's Scout Competitions last year, put on a semaphore demonstration for the Governor in their camping grounds.

His Excellency was then conducted through the classrooms where the 45 boys there at present receive three hours' education from three fully qualified teachers each day. There are six primary classes, from I to VI, and thirteen subjects are taught. There are also rooms for vocational training.

Frigate Leaves

Flying her paying off pennant Her Majesty's frigate Modeste sailed for the United Kingdom this morning after completing her Far East Commission.

100 Years Ago

A coroner's inquest was held last evening on the body of Richard Meredith, a house-carpenter, late of Shanghai, who dropped down in an apoplectic fit in his own house about one o'clock. Deceased was a very dissipated character, and the medical man having given it as his opinion that the fit was brought on by drinking, the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

Serious riots have taken place at Singapore on the part of the Chinese, the result apparently of long-standing feuds between the Fukien and Canton men, in which a great number of lives have been lost and shops pillaged, while even the police were fired upon. The disturbance was not put down without the greatest difficulty, and after the apprehension of numbers of the rioters, some of whom comparatively respectable traders. Even now very great excitement continues to prevail.

The Chinaman who has been so long a prisoner of the Nani-hai in Canton for having, in opposition to the will of the inhabitants of his district, rented a house to Dr Hobson, the Medical Missionary, has been at last liberated on the demand of Sir John Bowring, who, we are told, on being applied to by the man's family, wrote to the Viceroy insisting on his release. To this His Excellency acceded, solely to prevent any unpleasant discussion in an approaching interview between him and Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary.

Whatever may be said on the score of diplomacy in Sir John thus interfering on behalf of a Chinese subject, imprisoned, even though unjustly, by his own authorities, no one will dispute that the cause of humanity, at all events, has been served by such interference.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments appear in the last Gazette:—Mr Alcock, to be Consul at Canton.

Mr D. B. Robertson, Consul at Shanghai.

Mr Harry Parkes, Consul at Amoy.

Mr M. C. Morrison, to be Interpreter at Canton.

Mr H. N. Lay, to be Assistant Chinese Secretary to the Superintendent.

The departure of Mr Alcock from Shanghai will, we doubt not, be regarded with much regret by the mercantile community at that port, who can hardly expect that their peculiar views on the subject of Treaty obligations will again meet with so energetic an advocate. It will seem an anomaly to readers at a distance that from Shanghai to Canton should be a step in the service. But such is the case, and on the larger salary appertaining to his new appointment, Mr Alcock, we understand, intends applying for leave of absence, which, it is said, the state of his health imperatively calls for.

Mr Robertson, his successor in the Consulate at Shanghai, has not as yet been much before the public, but it is to be hoped he will continue to enjoy, as head of the department, an equal measure of popularity with that which attended his career as Vice-Consul there, and which followed him whilst officiating recently as Consul at Canton.

GREAT ABILITY

We congratulate the public service and the Foreign Community alike on the promotion of Mr Harry Parkes, an appointment which does honour to the discernment of Her Majesty's Superintending Mr Parkes, though a young diplomat, has already displayed great ability in the various capacities in which he has been employed, and the able manner in which he last year, whilst acting as Consul at Canton, carried through the introduction of the Mexican Dollar Currency, will long be gratefully remembered by that community.

As regards the qualifications of Mr Morrison and Mr Lay, the names of whom have been mentioned above for their efficiency, the former, especially, is an able Chinese scholar.

It will be doubtless a matter of surprise to many, as it is to ourselves, that the list of appointments does not include the name of Mr Eimor, the present Vice-Consul at Canton. It is presumed, however, that the decision of the Government to remove him to a less desirable place of residence, should that be the case, this community be present, nevertheless, over may well be proud of his services, and the high regard in which he is held by the public and the Foreign Community.